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## Yanks Race Over Brittany; Reds Push Through Poland

WASHINGTON—Pouring across Brittany almost as fast as the Russians have swept through Poland the Yanks have the German forces on the run, with advances and flanking movements which threaten to lop off the whole Breton peninsula in a few days.

Three prongs of American troops are working from the captured Avranches area, one moving toward the port of Brest, at the southwest tip of Brittany, another toward St. Nazaire, and a third advancing on the direct route to Paris.

British and Canadian forces also have had scoring innings, with stabbing spearheads splitting and chop-

ping the German line north and west of Caen. They have made advances up to 17 miles, well beyond Lisieux, with a turning movement to the north toward Le Havre. It appears that the Allied drives are aimed at the great French ports, with a view to making easier the bringing in of supplies and reinforcements in quantity.

### Nazis Disorganized

The German forces, while still fighting tenaciously in spots, are badly disorganized. Allied leaders speak of a possible break through the whole German line, and also characterize the present moves as "the beginning of the great retreat." Whatever it may be, the Allies have the Nazis on the run, with destruction in view for large forces, through various flanking movements, unless rapid retreat is made at once.

In Italy the Nazi still hold Pisa, though they may be driven out at any moment, with the Yanks pressing on two sides of the city. The New Zealanders have fought their way to within five miles of Florence and have gained ridges overlooking the famed Italian art center. The Nazis seem determined to fight a delaying action in north Italy and have brought in fresh troops but steady progress is being made at several points approaching the Gothic line.

### Siege of Warsaw

With Lwow surrounded and toppling, one Russian army has passed on to Warsaw, the Polish capital, and is tightening its seige there. The

fact that the Germans have left the bridges beyond the city intact suggests they are preparing for a withdrawal shortly.

A White Russian army is within eight miles of the pre-1939 East Prussian border and meeting little resistance in their march toward the German homeland.

Another Red force in the North has two German armies, of probably 300,000 men, isolated in Estonia and Latvia, with all communications from the Baltic to East Prussia cut.

### Favor the Allies

Political developments of the week strongly favor the Allies. In Finland Marshall Baron Mannerheim has replaced former President Risto Ryti. A Stockholm dispatch notes that the change was preceded by a Finnish-German agreement in Berlin consenting to a separate Finnish peace with Russia and a promise to withdraw Nazi troops from Southern Finland. Mannerheim is said to be acceptable to Moscow and further (See "Yanks," page 13)

## Reconversion Is Big Issue In Congress

WASHINGTON—Congress got back on the job this week after its "primary recess," and legislators immediately got down to what is expected to be the most important bill to come out of Capitol Hill in years—a Reconversion Bill.

The "get busy" signal was given Congress when states, labor, industry and the War Mobilization Board pressed the importance of enactment of legislation that would take care of post-war problems other than those of veterans. With millions of workers certain to be thrown into unemployment ranks when war industries fold up unless steps are taken to create make-work projects, Congress was warned there was no time to lose in arriving at some solution lest there be economic pandemonium.

Senate Finance Committee did not tarry in acting on the "States' Rights" bill introduced by its chairman, Senator Walter F. George, of Georgia. Less than 24 hours after the measure had been deposited in the hopper, this measure for industrial demobilization and reconversion was approved by the committee and is expected to come before the Senate body next Tuesday.

The George bill would authorize states to pay unemployment compensation to an estimated 2,000,000 Federal workers, such as employees in Government arsenals, shipyards and employees of wholly owned Government corporations, for which the Federal Treasury would reimburse them.

## Churchill Sees Japan's End Soon After Nazi Defeat

LONDON—"The interval between the defeat of Hitler and the defeat of Japan will be shorter—perhaps much shorter—than I had at one time supposed," Prime Minister Churchill declared, in making an optimistic review of the war this week.

The war, he said, "approaches perhaps its closing stage. The latest news from the Allied beachheads in France seems to me extremely good. The Red army is tearing the guts out of the German army. I fear greatly of raising false hopes but I no longer feel bound to deny that victory may come perhaps soon."

Mr. Churchill stressed particularly the American victories in the Pacific "opening to us the prospect of a more—much more—speedy climax in the war with Japan," and also "the splendid and spectacular victories won by the Americans in France."

## Gabreski Missing On Eve of Furlough

OIL CITY, Pa.—Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, leading American ace, who was expected to arrive home on a furlough on August 1, has been reported missing since July 20 by the War Department.

Gabreski got his 31st Nazi plane recently and was counting on his furlough to be married. Preparations were being made at his home town here for a welcome home celebration.

## 'Uncle Joe' Proposed For Full Generalship

WASHINGTON—Nominations of ten Army officers for temporary promotion in recognition of their leadership and courage in various theaters has been sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt.

Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell leads the list recommended for the temporary rank of full general.

The proposed promotion, raising General Stilwell to a rank held by Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Gen. H. H. Arnold suggests the probability of new and more important work for "Uncle Joe" in the Burma-China-India theater.

Since his retreat from Burma, "Uncle Joe" has driven back hard against the enemy as Commanding General of the United States forces in the CBI theater.

Rated one of the greatest field commanders, General Stilwell has welded a great force despite a shortage of materials and adverse climatic conditions. In driving the Japs from Kamaing, Mogang and other points the skillful, beloved leader has fought beside his men, regardless of weather, enemy fire and other

## One of Many Casualties

## Yank Bomb Killed Gen. McNair

WASHINGTON—It was an American bomb, dropped short of its target, that killed Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair July 25 in Normandy, the Army disclosed Wednesday.

On July 27 the War Department announced the death of McNair, stating that the former commanding general of the Army Ground Forces was "killed by enemy fire while observing the action of our front-line units in the recent offensive."

After more investigation, the following statement was issued Wednesday:

"The War Department has just received from General Eisenhower, supreme commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, additional details of the death of Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair.



—Signal Corps Photo  
GENERAL Eisenhower, while in France to get on-the-spot reports of the new offensive against the Germans, stops to talk to Sgt. Frank Short, of Detroit, and Pfc. Joseph Sharkey, Lowell, Mass. The General asked them about their living conditions in the field and their ration. Judging by the shy smiles, their answers must have been 'O. K.'

"A full investigation developed the fact that General McNair died as a result of the explosion of one of our own bombs which fell short

in the intensive aerial bombardment of enemy lines preparatory to the present large-scale American breakthrough in Normandy.

## Would Ease Restriction Of Soldier-Vote Law

WASHINGTON—An amendment to the soldier-vote law, to relax the political propaganda restrictions in it by giving overseas men access to the same publications and broadcasts they would get at home, has been offered by Senators Green and Lucas, authors of the law.

Senator Green, chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee, said that the law was passed without sufficient information or understanding as to its effects on the operation of the War and Navy departments in the dissemination of news and entertainment to men in the armed services. He felt that it is desirable, to keep up morale, that the men be reliably and completely informed.

"Details of this tremendous air support were given recently in England by Lieutenant General Breton, AAF, together with the fact that some of the bombs unfortunately fell among our forward troops, causing a number of casualties. General McNair, who was observing action with a front-line infantry unit, was one of these casualties."

## Stimson Reports 218,473 Casualties

WASHINGTON—Total Army casualties, in all theaters, as reported by War Secretary Stimson through July 13, are 218,473.

Broken down in categories, these show:

Killed—39,720.  
Wounded—97,000.  
Prisoners—41,234.  
Missing—40,519.

## Jealous Boy Friends Shave Yank-Dating Italian Girls

Jealous because their girls are dating American and British soldiers, Italian youths in Rome are treating the damsels to hair-cuts. The youths lurk around corners and girls walking with soldiers are yanked from their escorts and their tresses sheared off. The Italian populace have branded these girls "gold diggers."

Stores in Kansas City and Salt Lake City are the first to announce that when the Nazis say "quit for good" they'll close and "quit for the day." Expecting approaching ending of the conflict with Germany, store managers already have had built layouts to protect their

display windows from breakage by the victory celebrants.

A. W. O. L. since July 7, Pvt. Albert Caponetto, Camp Robinson, Ark., soldier, surrendered at Chicago Monday with the explanation that he had spent the entire period in three garages in the rear of his home, without his wife's knowledge, reconditioning seven automobiles he bought before induction. Caponetto said that with that job done, he could go back to the Army a satisfied and better man.

In a letter to his wife at Mankato, Minn., Barney Rivers, a Navy electrician's mate in the Pacific war theater, made so over the Rivers baby that the "hard-hearted" censor attached a \$5 bill with the suggestion that she buy some frills for the infant.

(See "Jealous," page 29)

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.





CREW ducks out of the way of the concussion as their 4.2 mortar throws another smokeshell into the German lines, somewhere in France.

—Signal Corps Photo

## Transportation Corps Performs Great Task

WASHINGTON—More than 4 million troops and more than 63 million ship tons of supplies were transferred from the United States to 127 overseas ports throughout the world in the 31-month period from December, 1941, through June, 1944, the War Department announces.

The report was received Monday from Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross, U. S. Army, Chief of Transportation, on the eve of the Transportation Corps' second birthday.

General Gross revealed that since Pearl Harbor the Army has dispatched to the European Theater of Operations alone more than 18 million ship tons of cargo, or more than twice the 8,900,000 ship tons sent to the AEF in the World War.

The volume of Army traffic moved overseas during the past year shows an increase of more than 100 per cent over that of any previous year. Nearly twice as much cargo was

shipped in May, 1944, as in May, 1943. The peak monthly tonnage moved during the World War was barely more than a fifth of this figure.

So tremendous was the total volume of supplies going to all theaters a year ago to mount the offensives now in progress that it totaled 7½ ship tons of space for every soldier going overseas, and slightly more than one ship ton per man already overseas.

At the present time, the over-all average has dropped to five ship tons of supplies shipped for each soldier. Part of this drop is explained by constantly improved packaging and stowing developments, such as the twin-vehicle pack and knocked-down freight cars. Each man now requires one ship ton of supplies per month to maintain him overseas, General Gross said.

## Padre Carries On!

BURMA FRONT—R. A. F. Padre, S/Ldr. A. G. MacIntyre was holding a church service at an airstrip established by Allied Forces far behind the Japanese lines in Burma. The service was simple and impressive. The men stood among the trees bareheaded, and in their working clothes. Suddenly the Japanese began shelling them. The Padre and his men waited until the shelling had stopped, and then the service continued as though there had been no interruption.

## Plan for 6,000 Airports To Employ a Million Men

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Oliver Parks, of East St. Louis, Ill., has a program for 6,000 airports, which would employ a million men, to be built immediately after the war.

This is about double the plan suggested by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, which calls for some 3,000 new airports and airparks, the airparks being suggested as landing fields for private planes.

The CAA's program, to be presented to Congress with the recommendation of that organization, calls

## Medics Move in Hurry

# Casualties Treated In 10 Minutes

WASHINGTON—Provision for handling American casualties is so well organized that 80 to 90 per cent of the men wounded in the invasion of Normandy received medical care within 10 minutes after being hit, Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon-General, reported here this week.

General Kirk had recently re-

turned from a survey of the medical facilities and hospitals of the European theater with Secretary of War Stimson.

The effectiveness of the methods employed and the adequacy of the equipment may be gauged, General Kirk said, by the fact that in one hospital in England 6,000 patients had been handled since D-Day and only one had died.

"The thing that's saving lives," General Kirk stressed, "is surgery, plus plenty of blood plasma, penicillin and the sulfa drugs and the fact that the whole set-up was so well planned in advance. That means that we had keenly intelligent personnel and the spirit to carry it through."

"Veritable miracles are being performed," the Surgeon General asserted, "in the development of techniques to meet the constant emergencies on the battlefields. In chest surgery particularly we are doing things we never knew we could do."

Infection has developed in only 10 per cent of the cases brought in from the battle fronts, this being due to the precautions taken and the use of penicillin and sulfa drugs.

Forty per cent of the wounded are being evacuated by airplane from the combat areas, General Kirk said. This provision for quick hospitalization is a large factor in the saving of lives.

D-Day plans for care of the wounded were extensive and thorough, LST craft had been fitted up with operating facilities and with tiers of litters arranged along the sides, in addition to floor space. These craft took aboard casualties after they had unloaded their troops at the beachhead. Field hospitals were also set up on the beaches in record time.

So far there has been enough of everything the American forces require for medical care, General Kirk declared. But 10,000 nurses are needed. No actual shortage exists in overseas hospitals, but extra nurses are in demand in the United States for replacements of nurses who are being sent abroad.

## Settle Ownership Of Jap Prisoners By Shooting Dice

WITH THE 32ND DIVISION IN NEW GUINEA—Members of the 32nd Infantry Division were reluctant in bringing in Jap prisoners until a rumor was spread among the lines that a 15 day furlough to Australia would be given for each captured Jap. Since that time there has been a steady increase in the number of prisoners taken.

The only complications now is deciding who shall get the furlough if more than one man is anywhere near the place of capture. It is not uncommon to see one Yank holding a rifle on a Jap while another rolls a pair of dice to see who gets the credit for the capture. The high number wins. If another man happens along before the case is decided he is allowed to participate in the game of chance, providing he puts up an undisclosed amount of cash.

If a noise is heard in the bush there is no wild shooting, but careful creeping and crawling through the thick foliage in an attempt to capture the enemy. A live Jap is now the most valuable of souvenirs.

## Gray Tells C.O.

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—There is little doubt but that the commanding general of the 69th Division will have a staff car and a complete set of aides on hand at the railroad station Monday morning as a result of a telegram received at 69th headquarters.

It came from Penn Station in New York and said:

"Commanding General, 69th Division—Missed connection, will arrive 7 a.m., Monday morning.—Pvt. Gray."

## Wounded Officer Refuses to Quit Until Ordered To

WASHINGTON—His comrades will tell you that 1st Lt. Theodore W. Noon Jr., Belmont, Mass., fighting man of the 88th Infantry Division, is virtually unstoppable.

They tell how Lieutenant Noon, though wounded in both arms and both legs and in the face in an attack against the Germans in the vicinity of Santa Maria Infanta, Italy, continued to direct his Infantrymen and perform heroic acts in the face of the enemy until a direct order from his battalion commander sent him to the aid station.

Medical officers found he had received one severe wound of the arm on the 12th of May and one severe wound of the leg on the 13th of May. Both were of serious nature and either would have required first aid and evacuation to a hospital for treatment. At least three other wounds on various parts of his body were also found upon examination.

## Show Will Honor All Army Service Forces

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Pvt. Peter Tinturin, former Hollywood song writer, now on the 800th Signal Training Rgt. Special Service staff, has begun the selection of soldier talent here for a musical show he plans to produce as a tribute to every branch of the Army Service Forces.

Tinturin, who wrote music and lyrics for three Folies Bergere shows in Paris, the tenth edition of Earl Carroll's Vanities and other productions, as well as for many moving pictures, has completed most of the music for his Army Service Forces show and plans to begin production as soon as writers have put finishing touches on the script.

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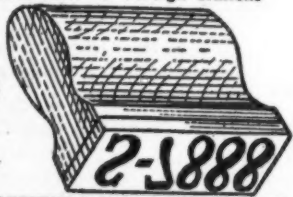
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Parks' proposal suggests the building of the 6,000 parks in from two to eight years after the war. Each park would accommodate 450 private planes. With individual hangars costing \$1,200, an investment up to \$600,000 would be required for each park.

Under his plan New York State would have 592 airparks, California 330, Ohio 318, Texas 296, Michigan 254, Illinois 366 and Pennsylvania 447.

## General Burgin in Command

U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Central Pacific Area—Establishment of a Central Pacific Area Base Command, charged with the defense of the Hawaiian Islands and maintenance and supply of all tactical units, is announced, with Maj. Gen. H. T. Burgin in command.

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## Army Losses Total 1,234,000

WASHINGTON—Losses to the Army of the United States through deaths and other causes from the beginning of the present war through May 31, 1944, totaled 1,234,000, the War Department announced.

The latest available cumulative figures (to the nearest thousand) show losses from December 7, 1941, through May 31, 1944, to be as follows:

	Officers	Enlisted	Total
Total deaths (battle and non-battle) .....	15,000	53,000	68,000
Honorable discharges .....	15,000	926,000	941,000
Prisoners of war and missing .....	14,000	52,000	66,000
Other separations .....	3,000	156,000	159,000
Totals .....	47,000	1,187,000	1,234,000

The foregoing figures do not include discharges of enlisted men to accept commissions in the Army of the United States. "Other separations" includes men who were placed in an inactive status, personnel given discharges other than honorable, retirements of Regular Army personnel and other miscellaneous separations.



FAMOUS Italian city, Florence, which is a major and immediate objective of Allied armies now in Italy. This view, looking north from Piazzale Michelangelo shows the Arno River, Palazzo Vecchio and Florence's famous cathedral.

## Overseas Needs Govern Rotation Says Stimson

WASHINGTON—That it would be impracticable for the War Department to adopt a standard policy for the return of combat forces from battle areas at regular intervals was the statement of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in a letter to Rep. Louis Ludlow (D., Ind.), whose bill providing for return of all soldiers on furlough after 18 months' service overseas is now pending.

Pointing out that the War Department has never questioned the desirability of returning men to the United States after they have served overseas for long periods, the Secretary emphasized, however, that conditions in the areas are best judged by commanding generals and therefore selections should be left to them.

Stating that liberalization of rotation policies have recently been made possible by availability of shipping space, Mr. Stimson in his letter said: "Units and individuals within each overseas theater are constantly rotated from combat duty to rest areas and, subject to shipping limitations, theater commanders have authority to select individuals in their commands for return to the United States."

"Among the soldiers now being returned are battle-trained officers and enlisted men to act as instructors and aid in the formation of new training doctrines and techniques; those who require medical attention unavailable overseas, or whose physical condition warrant their return; and those returned for emergency

reasons.

"We also are implementing personnel rotation policies for most overseas areas and plan to extend and increase these rotations as rapidly as circumstances permit. However, it is impracticable, as well as incongruous from the military standpoint, to remove entire units from an active theater of war."

## Nazi Oil Output Cut 50 Per Cent

WASHINGTON — Allied bombing attacks on German supply plants and refineries have brought the Nazis face to face with a critical oil shortage, Leo T. Crowley, Foreign Economic Administrator, declared this week.

As a result of the systematic campaign of bombing of the crude oil production plants, the hydrocarbon synthesis plants and the great hydrogenation plants begun in April and being increased through June and July, Germany's total production of liquid fuels and lubricants, including gasoline substitutes such as alcohol, is today much less than 50 per cent of what it was in April, Mr. Crowley said.

To conserve oil, Germany has even retarded her war industries and war agricultural program, but despite that is still forced to draw heavily on her limited reserve stocks to carry on war operations.

## Lousy With Coin But Can't Spend So Send It Home

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE

—In the wing of a town hall, formerly used by the Germans as a hospital, an Army Post Office is working 24 hours a day, seven days a week dispatching mail to American troops in Normandy.

During the first month outgoing mail was far less than had been anticipated, according to 2nd Lt. Sydney Faber, commander of the 10-man unit.

"We found the Yanks in France have more important things to do than write letters," he said.

But the money order section keeps plenty busy. No coins are used and bills as low as two francs (four cents) are in circulation. There is very little for which the troops can spend their money. In combat zones all necessary rations, including cigarettes, are distributed free by the Army Exchange Service and towns and villages are off bounds for American soldiers.

A big money order business is the result.

"It's not unusual for a soldier to ask for a \$1,000 money order," Smith said, "especially when one has a winning streak at poker. We are now averaging over \$25,000 daily in money orders."

**Is Awarded Soldier's Medal**  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS—Sgt. Freddie Hill, of Brooklyn, member of a Negro Engineer Aviation Regiment, who threw his body over that of a buddy engulfed in flames in a vain effort to save his life, has been awarded the Soldiers' Medal.



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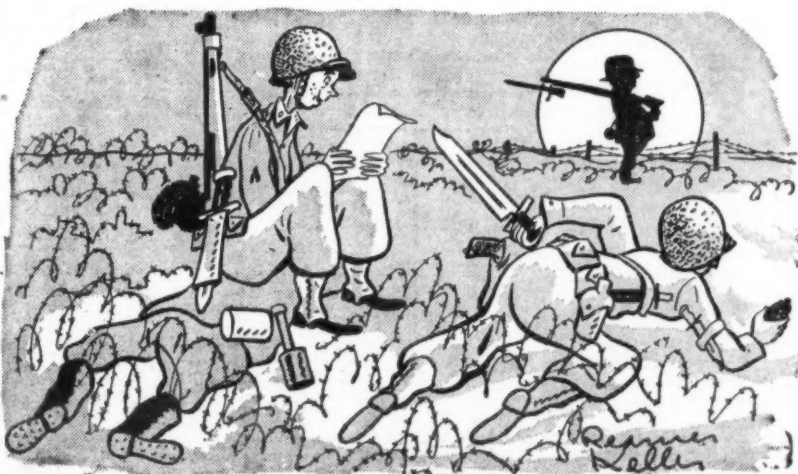
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## 37 Years of Progress

In 37 years the Army Air Forces has grown into one of the greatest military machines in the history of the world. Teamed with the RAF and Russian Air Force it has knocked the vaunted Luftwaffe out of the skies and knocked the industrial might of the Reich into a pile of rubble. Almost single-handed it has driven the Japanese air force back toward the homeland and is starting to smash Japanese industry.

As the AAF enters its 38th year it has the fastest, best-equipped pursuit ships, the most efficient and precise bombers, the super-forts of the skies and the best trained men to fly them.

To achieve this might the AAF has had years of bitter struggle. It had to overcome the head-in-the-sand attitude of those, who would scrap it, it had to overcome the prejudice of those it would serve, it had to prove itself to those individuals who resent anything new or different.

The job it did in its 37th year amply proves that its fight was worth while.

## Production Must Be Kept Up

American soldiers are setting such a stiff pace on the fighting front they threaten to leave American production far behind.

Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell in a press conference report pointed toward American producers indicated that GI Joe has fought so brilliantly that the ambitions of Army military leaders have been surpassed.

"As the tempo of war increases and the violence of successful offensive action is raised, the speed and finality of the victory will depend on two things; the fortitude of our soldiers, and the completeness of their supply.

"There is only one sure strategy to finish this war with finality and speed. That is for us and our Allies to gear every resource we have in men and equipment in a final, unremitting assault on land, sea, and in the air. The determination to do this is unmistakably in our men in uniform."

## There Are Very Few Errors

Although it is extremely unfortunate that good soldier Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair was killed by an American bomb it accents the coordination achieved by Army, Navy and Air Forces in attacks on the enemy.

The split-second timing demanded by a fast-moving war necessitates grave risks. One human error or a faulty piece of equipment can ruin the entire pattern of attack. The note of surprise which greeted the War Department's official statement on General McNair's death indicates the acceptance of the fact that such errors are the exception rather than the rule.

## Check Your Voting Laws

Although it is easier for a soldier to vote than a civilian too many soldiers are trying to make voting altogether too easy. They fail to read the rules and regulations governing the voting in their home states. For that reason a considerable amount of effort has gone to no avail as California, New York and other states have been forced to toss some soldier ballots in the waste-paper basket.

## American Trucks The Secret Of Remarkable Red Transport

MOSCOW—With the enormous extension of the lines of the several Russian armies a severe test is being made of their communications equipment.

Until it was demonstrated otherwise during the past two years it was believed that the most serious weakness of the Russian Army was its transport. During the last few months critics attributed the success of their remarkable movement of supplies to the fact that they were fighting inside their own land and along their own lines.

One secret of the success of Rus-

sian transport is that it is made up largely of American trucks—Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, GMC and Studebaker equipment, which has given unprecedented service. Red Army drivers say that with the American trucks and with Russians at the wheel they can go anywhere in any weather.

There is no indication that the Red Army's transport is likely to slow up as they progress into enemy country. Rather everything points to the fact that the communications system will keep up with any progress the army may make as they move on into Germany.

## Bird Eyes View



## At Your Service

Q. Why was this arrangement made?

A. Because many men with good earning power have been in service a long time and their savings have been used to support their families during their absence in the armed forces.

Q. May I borrow money to buy a farm or set myself up in business?

A. Yes, you may borrow money under this plan for any business which you are qualified to operate. You also may borrow money to repair your house, pay taxes, and to buy farm machinery, equipment and livestock.

Q. Then I could build or buy a filling station, garage, barbershop, drug store, hardware store, meat market or grocery store?

A. You could, or if you were starting out in a profession such as dentistry, law or medicine you could borrow to set up your office.

Q. How long will I have to repay my loan?

A. As much as 20 years, depending upon how much you borrow and the purpose of the loan.

Q. If I should become sick or get hurt after I am out of service, will the Veterans' Administration help me?

A. As a veteran who fought for his country and are unable to meet hospital expenses, you can get the best treatment that money will buy at the Veterans' Hospital closest to your home or the one best suited to handle your case.

Q. Will I have to pay for this care?

A. You will not.

Q. If the doctors find that my trouble is due to service, what will I do?

A. Call for a representative of the Veterans' Administration or an American Legion Service Officer; he will help you to prepare a disability claim.

Q. But if I am not a Legion member?

A. The Legion helps all veterans. Q. If I become permanent and totally disabled from a cause not due to service am I eligible for a pension?

A. Yes, subject to certain service requirements and an income limitation and your claim would be handled by a representative of the Veterans' Administration or the American Legion service officer.

Q. Can I get \$2,000 in cash simply by applying to the Veterans Administration for a loan?

A. The loans provision in the law is completely inoperative as yet, and

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no prediction can be made as to when it will be implemented with regulations. It is understood, however, that loans when granted will be granted on the same basis as by a private concern. In other words on the basis of the borrowers' character, ability to repay the loan and the practicability of the investment.

Q. Can I draw unemployment compensation at the present time?

A. No. The compensation will not be available until after Sept. 5 and is expected to be unimportant unless the U. S. experiences a period of unemployment.

Q. I started college when I was 24 years old and had completed two years when drafted. Can I obtain assistance in completing my college career even though over 25 at the time I entered the service.

A. Yes. If you can meet the requirements of the law and can prove that your education was interrupted you are eligible for the benefits. Cases of men over 25 will be dealt with on their individual merits.

## Starts His Army Life With Illustrious Name

CAMP POLK, La.—There's competition in the Pershing family. Pvt. William R. Pershing of the 8th Armored Division's 88th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mezz, is after the job of his illustrious and elder relative, Gen. John J. Pershing, General of the Armies of the United States.

Pershing, the younger, 18, a mortar gunner in the squadron's Troop B, is bucking for his first stripe.

Private Pershing, who comes from Dennison, O., is twice related to the World War 1 commander of the AEF. His great-grandfather, the late William Sansom Pershing, was a first cousin of the general, and his great-grandmother, the late Mrs. Eliza J. Pershing Bracken, was also a cousin.

## Army Quiz

1. Yanks were fighting last week on the largest island of the Marianas group. Formerly a U. S. naval base, it was captured by the Japs four days after Pearl Harbor. Some of the original American force held as prisoners were undoubtedly looking for release. Can you name the island?

2. Recent dispatches noted that "Eleven days of Allied bombing reduced the city of Munich to only a memory." Would you know why Munich is specially significant to the Nazis?

A. Because it is a noted plane-manufacturing center?  
B. It is the birthplace of the Nazi party?  
C. It is an important railway center?

3. The War Department released last week figures covering accidents in the Air Forces in United States for the first five months of 1944. Considering the largely increased training would you say the accidents, compared with the corresponding periods of 1943, had increased or decreased?

4. In a recent shift in the Japanese government officers heading these departments resigned: The Premier and the Ministers of War, Navy, Commerce and Industry, Education and Munitions. Do you know how many men resigned?

A. 5?  
B. 3?  
C. 2?

5. Orientation test. Last week in Italy the British Eighth Army crossed the River A—, after capturing A— while Polish troops on the East captured A—, on the A— Sea. Can you fill in the blanks?

6. Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air, after returning from a visit to the European theater, noted that "the Spaatzwaffe has not yet knocked out the Luftwaffe." Can you tell what he meant by "Spaatzwaffe"?

7. The jet-propulsion plane, likely to be produced in large numbers for our Air Forces, has one distinct advantage in the stratosphere against other types of planes. Is this—

A. Because it uses a different type of fuel?  
B. Because it is lighter?  
C. Because the air resistance is less since it does not have to push a propeller against the air?

8. The United States Air Force celebrated an anniversary of its founding this week. What birthday would you say it was?

A. 11th?  
B. 23rd?  
C. 37th?

9. Saipan is almost equally distant—approximately 1,600 miles—from our two most important objectives in the Pacific. Can you name them?

10. A Brazilian Expeditionary Force joined the Allies in Italy two weeks ago. With this every continent is represented in the Allied Fighting forces.

True? False?  
(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

## 'Hi Yank' to Have Its Premiere Next Friday

FORT DIX, N. J.—Enlisted man director of the War Department Special Service Division's latest "Blue-Print" show, "Hi Yank," being rehearsed for its test run here August 7, is Cpl. David Fitzgibbon, former musical comedy dance star and choreographer. Corporal Fitzgibbon has been given the difficult task of whipping "Hi Yank" from raw script to opening night in 30 days. Based on features and departments in "Yank," Army weekly, the production features music by Lt. Alex North and Pvt. Frankie Loesser, composer of "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Cpl. Bobby Faye, ex-Broadway funnyman, will portray "Sad Sack," GI cartoon-creation of Sgt. George Baker.



# War College Ceremony Honors Gen. McNair, 'Maker of Armies'

WASHINGTON—A ceremony honoring Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, former Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, who was killed in action in Normandy last week, was held at the Army War College.

Troops drawn up in formation on the War College parade ground, within the shadow of General McNair's home, stood at attention as the flag was lowered to half staff and the Army Ground Forces Band played the Caisson Song in salute to his memory.

The ceremony was especially significant, for it included the presentation of Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges to overseas veterans and on Infantry Day, June 15, General McNair, in his last parade ground appearance at the War College, had made a similar presentation.

## "Maker of Armies"

The awards were made by Brig. Gen. James G. Christiansen, Chief of Staff, Army Ground Forces, long General McNair's close friend and associate. Before presenting the badges to the Infantrymen, General Christiansen spoke of General McNair, whom he called a "maker of armies."

"General McNair addressed you at our last similar assemblage," said General Christiansen. "I am here today, not to pay tribute to him because he would not have liked that, but merely to give you a brief idea of his contribution to our Nation."

"Our country was fortunate indeed that General McNair was available to train her greatest ground combat army—that his work was superbly done is being proved on battlefields all over the world. Never in the history of this country has an army gone into battle trained as well as this one."

"Therefore, I believe we will win this war at a minimum price in lives—the savings can be credited largely to General McNair."

"I think of him as a 'maker of armies' because that is what he actually did. He trained armies, corps, divisions, small units, replacements—taking the millions of untrained men given him and molding them into superb fighting units."

"But, he did more than train men—he realized that no army can be fully effective against an enemy unless it is properly organized, correctly equipped, adequately led and completely trained. He was primarily responsible for organizing, equipping, training and providing leadership for our great combat ground army. He spent much time on these fundamentals—truly we can call this man 'Maker of Armies.'"

## "Great Son"

"He was one of America's great sons—the full value of his contribution cannot now be measured. Suffice to say, his contribution has been tremendous, and more is still to come from his work. He gave his life to our country, not only in death, but while living he gave every fiber of his being."

"I am sure this 'Maker of Armies' would like me to say to you, 'Carry on for our country.'"

As General Christiansen finished speaking, the troops faced the flag, which was dipped slowly as the strains of the Field Artillery anthem—the favorite martial song of Gen-



—U. S. Army Photo.

SECRETARY of War Henry L. Stimson presents two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Distinguished Service Medal awarded to Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, who died last week in Normandy. The award was received by the General's widow in a brief ceremony at the War Department, with General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, in attendance. In recognition of General McNair's work in World War I, the Distinguished Service Medal was pinned on him by General John J. Pershing in 1919.

eral McNair—echoed over the parade ground.

It was at the War College that General McNair, as Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, a post in which he was succeeded by Lt. Gen. Ben Lear only a few weeks before he met a soldier's death in France, had made his headquarters and his home while he guided the formation of America's greatest ground army.

All troops on duty at Army Ground Forces Headquarters and the Army War College service units participated in the formation. General Christiansen was introduced by the headquarters commandant, Col. William W. Todd, Jr., who also spoke of General McNair as an "outstanding leader and gentleman."

## Soldiers Awarded

The soldiers awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge were Sgt. Mason E. Campbell, Pfc. Edward L. Marshall, Pfc. Salvatore Fierro, and Pvt. John A. Serfes. The Expert Infantryman Badge was awarded to Pvt. Ferdinand J. Redelman.

Sergeant Campbell, who served with the 34th Infantry Division in Tunisia and Sicily, wears the Purple Heart for a battle wound received at Hill 609.

Private Marshall earned his Silver Star at Brolo, Sicily, where he landed on July 10, 1943, with the 3rd Infantry Division.

Private Fierro fought in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns as a rifleman with the 1st Infantry Division.

Private Serfes was a machine gunner, driver, and "bazooka" man with

the 45th Infantry Division in Sicily and Italy.

Private Redelman's overseas service was in Iceland, where he spent nearly 18 months.

## Shell Has 'His Number' But It Didn't Get Him

WASHINGTON—There is an old saying among soldiers that the bullet that gets you has your number on it, but 2nd Lt. Marion R. Wilkinson, Air Corps, has among his souvenirs partial proof that it's only a fable.

Returning recently from a Fifteenth Air Force bombing mission against oil refineries at Vienna, Austria, Lieutenant Wilkinson dug a jagged chunk of flak out of the wing of the B-24 Liberator of which he is pilot. Plainly punched on the fragment was the number 523, the last three digits of his Army Serial Number, O-686523. Said Wilkinson:

"I wonder if the whole shell had my entire serial number on it? It's something to think about, although not exactly a happy thought. Still, it missed me. That's all that really matters."

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# GI Bill Three 'R's' Rulings Made

(Complete text of Veterans Administration Service Letter dated July 1, 1944)

Subject: Preliminary Instructions For Instituting The Program For Education And Training Under Part VIII Of Veterans Regulation 1 (a), As Amended—Public 346, 78th Congress.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, Title II, approved June 22, 1944, (Part VIII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended), the following instructions are hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned pending the issuance of further instructions:

## 1. Eligibility

(A) A person shall be eligible for and entitled to receive education or training under Part VIII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, provided the following conditions are met:

(1) That the person served in the active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war.

(2) That the person has been discharged or released from the active military or naval service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(3) That the person's education or training was impeded, delayed, interrupted or interfered with by reason of his entrance into the service. Any person who was not over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service shall be deemed to have had his education or training impeded, delayed, interrupted or interfered with. This refers to entrance into active service after September 15, 1940. A person over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service must submit satisfactory evidence to show that his education or training was impeded, delayed, interrupted or interfered with.

(4) That the person shall have served 90 days or more, exclusive of any period he was assigned for a course of education or training under the Army specialized training program or the Navy college training program, which course was a continuation of his civilian course and was pursued to completion, or the time he was assigned as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, or, if less than 90 days, that he shall have been discharged or released from active service by reason of an actual service-incurred injury or disability. The 90 days—or less—service need not all be within the period September 16, 1940, to end of the war, but may include service extending into or beyond such period. (This last provision requires determination of service incurrence without applying presumptive provisions of Public No. 2, 73rd Congress, as amended.)

(B) A person shall be eligible for and entitled to a refresher or retraining course not in excess of one calendar year if conditions of (A) (1), (2) and (4) above, are met.

## 2. Benefits

A person who meets the eligibility requirements outlined in paragraph 1 hereof shall be entitled to education or training or a refresher or retraining course at an approved educational or training institution for a period of one year (or the equivalent thereof in continuous part-time study) or for such lesser time as may be required for the course of instruction chosen by him. Upon satisfactory completion of such course of education or training according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution, except a refresher or retraining course, such person shall be entitled to an additional period or periods of education or training not to exceed the time such person was in the active service on or after September 16, 1940, and before the termination of the war, exclusive of any period he was assigned for a course of education or training under the Army specialized training program or the Navy college training program, which course was a continuation of his civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, but in no event shall the total period of education or training exceed four years, provided that his work continues to be satisfactory throughout the period according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution, pro-

vided, however, that wherever the additional period of instruction ends during a quarter or semester after a major part of such quarter or semester has expired, such period of instruction shall be extended to the termination of such unexpired quarter or semester.

## 3. Application

Any person who served in the active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940, who believes that he may qualify under the eligibility provisions may file an application, using the prescribed form, with the regional office of the Veterans Administration where his C-folder is now located or with the regional office of the Veterans Administration in the state in which the approved educational or training institution which he has selected is located, or with the approved educational or training institution which he has selected, provided it is promptly forwarded by the institution to the regional office of the Veterans Administration in the territory in which the institution is located. An application filed before the date of approval of Public No. 346, 78th Congress, may not be accepted as a claim under that act.

## 4. Election of Course

Any person who meets the eligibility requirements is entitled to such course of education or training or refresher or retraining course as he may elect. For reasons satisfactory to the manager a veteran may change a course of instruction. Any such course of education or training may be discontinued at any time by the Veterans Administration if it is found by the manager that according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution that conduct or progress of the veteran is unsatisfactory.

## 5. Selection of Approved Educational or Training Institution

Any person who meets the eligibility requirements is entitled to choose any approved educational or training institution, whether or not located in the State in which he resides which will accept or retain him as a student or trainee in any field or branch of knowledge which such institution finds him qualified to undertake or pursue.

## 6. Authority

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 managers of regional offices of the Veterans Administration are hereby delegated authority to approve applications of persons for education or training provided such persons are eligible in accordance with this instruction and the provisions of this law and to approve claims for payment to the approved educational or training institution and to the trainee in accordance with the instructions hereinafter stated and the provisions of the law.

## 7. Approved Educational or Training Institutions

Pending the receipt of the lists of approved educational or training institutions from the appropriate agency in the various States, managers are authorized to utilize educational and training institutions, including industrial establishments, which for immediate purposes may be recognized and approved by the manager on the basis of adequate investigation that the training facility is clearly qualified as to space, equipment, instructional material and personnel to give the required course.

## 8. Payments to Trainees and Educational or Training Institutions

(A) While enrolled in and pursuing a course of training a person declared eligible shall, upon application to the Veterans Administration, be paid a subsistence allowance of \$50.00 per month if without a dependent or dependents, or \$75.00 per month if he has a dependent or dependents, including regular holidays and leave not exceeding thirty days a calendar year. A person attending a course on a part-time basis and a person receiving compensation for productive labor performed as part of his apprenticeship or other training on the job at institutions, business or other establishments shall be entitled to receive such lesser sums, if any, as subsistence or dependency allowances, as may be determined by the Administrator, provided that any such person eligible under this law and within the limitations thereof may pursue such full-time or part-time course or courses as he may elect without subsistence allowance. The term "dependent or dependents" means those persons recognized as such under Public No. 2, 73d Congress, as amended.

(B) The manager shall authorize payment to the educational or training institution for each person enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of education or training the establishment cost of tuition and such laboratory, library, health, infirmary and other similar fees as are customarily charged and may pay for books, supplies, equipment and other necessary expenses, exclusive of board, lodging, other living expenses and travel as are generally required for the successful pursuit and completion of the course by other students in the institution, provided that in no event shall such payments with respect to any person exceed \$500.00 for an ordinary school year and provided further that no payments shall be made to institutions, business or other establishments furnishing apprentice training on the job.

(C) The effective date of payment to the veteran and the institution shall be the date the veteran commences training. For veterans who are now pursuing courses which are continued as training under this law, the effective date shall be the date, after the approval of this Act, the application or informal application is received at the regional office of the Veterans Administration or at the approved educational or training institution, if the application is forwarded promptly to the Veterans Administration.

(D) The effective date of discontinuance of payment to the veteran and the institution shall be the date the veteran completes his educational or training course or the veteran discontinues or is discontinued from his course of training, except that if the course ends during a month the subsistence allowance may be paid for that month.

(E) Appropriate procedures will be developed by the manager of the regional office with the educational or training institutions so that when a veteran discontinues training or is absent from training exceeding thirty days in a calendar year, exclusive of regular holidays, the institution shall immediately so report to the manager of the regional office for deduction of subsistence allowance for such period in excess of 30 days.

## 9. Transportation, Meals and Lodging

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 does not authorize the payment of transportation, meals and lodging expenses in connection with training under this law.

## 10. General Procedure

(A) When a person files an application with a regional office of the Veterans Administration, the application will be attached to the C-folder on file; C-folder secured by transfer, or a new C-folder will be created. The folder will be routed to the vocational rehabilitation and education division where his eligibility will be established and the veteran notified of the decision. If the veteran is found eligible, he will be given notification of the exact period of

training to which he is entitled under the law and that he may now elect his course of training and select the approved institution. The veteran will also be informed that he may use that notification as evidence of his eligibility for training under the law when contacting the institution which he has selected. When the veteran enters training, the institution will forward to the regional office which determined his eligibility the following papers: (a) A certified copy of the notification from the Veterans Administration establishing his eligibility; (b) a certified statement showing the date the veteran commenced training in the course referred to in (c); (c) a certified statement showing (1) the name of the course, the length of the course, the length of the ordinary school year and whether course of training is full-time or part-time; (2) customary cost of tuition for an ordinary school year, laboratory, library, health, infirmary and other similar fees as are customarily charged, cost of books, supplies and equipment for an ordinary school year, other necessary expenses for an ordinary school year, itemized, as are generally required for the successful pursuit and completion of the course by other students in the institution. Board, lodging and other living expenses and travel are not to be included.

(B) The veteran may file his application with the Veterans Administration through the approved educational or training institution which he has selected and the institution may, if it is satisfied that the veteran meets the eligibility requirements, but subject to final approval by the Veterans Administration, enter him into training and promptly forward his application, together with all other necessary papers referred to above, to the regional office in the territory in which the institution is located. When these papers are received in the regional office, they will be attached to the C-folder on file; C-folder secured by transfer, or a new C-folder will be created and sent to the vocational rehabilitation and education division where the veteran's eligibility will be established and the veteran and the institution notified of the decision.

(C) A status card, 5 x 8, will be prepared showing the name (last, first, middle), home address, date of birth, race, serial number, period of training to which entitled under the provisions of the law, course of training, name and address of institution. This card will clearly indicate that the person is pursuing training under Part VIII. This card will be filed alphabetically, in a separate file.

(D) When the regional office is notified by the institution that the veteran has commenced training, Form 1907, Notice of Commencement of Training, will be prepared containing applicable information and properly signed. This form will be prepared and signed in triplicate. The original and first copy will be forwarded to the adjudication division, which will take appropriate action to make the necessary award. The original will be filed by the adjudication division in the claims folder and a copy will be attached to the award and forwarded to central office through the finance division of the regional office. The second copy of Form 1907 will be retained by the vocational rehabilitation and education division. Under "Notice of Commencement of Training," there will be typed in in capital letters "UNDER PART VIII."

## 11. Advisement

Managers are authorized to provide for educational and vocational guidance to persons eligible for education and training under this law and who desire such assistance. However, this law does not authorize the payment of transportation, meals and lodging expenses.

## 12. Contracts

This law does not require the Veterans Administration to enter into contracts with an approved educational or training institution when the charges made by such institution for tuition, books and supplies are in accordance with the usual rates as published in catalogues or otherwise established. Contracts must be made with educational or training institutions when such charges for tuition and fees are in excess of the usual

rates. Any proposals of this nature will be forwarded to central office for consideration. The law does not authorize the Veterans Administration to pay for the same services more on account of a veteran than the established rate charged generally. However, if additional services are required or an increase in or extension of facilities beyond the institution's established program, the law authorizes the Administrator to enter into contract therefor at fair and reasonable rates within the \$500.00 limitation referred to in paragraph 8, Payments to Trainees and Educational or Training Institutions, subparagraph (B), and in paragraph 5 of Part VIII of Title II, Public 346, 78th Congress.

## 13. Persons Eligible Under Part VII and Part VIII

The law does not contemplate pyramiding benefits under Part VII and Part VIII, but does permit election and change of courses for satisfactory reasons and within the limitations of the applicable part. Any such person eligible for the benefits of this part, who is also eligible for the benefits of Part VII, may elect which benefit he desires, provided that in the event of such election, subsistence allowance hereunder shall not exceed the amount of additional pension payable for training under said Part VII.

14. Veteran's Application for a Course of Education or Training or a Refresher or Retraining Course under Part VIII, Form 1950. An initial supply of this form will be furnished each regional office and facility with regional office activities. Additional forms will be requisitioned from central office in the usual manner. Managers are authorized to inform approved educational and training institutions that they may duplicate this form if they so desire.

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# Joe Is Different Guy at Front

LONDON—GI Joe, whom Britishers at home may only recall as the happy-go-lucky chap with pockets bulging with coin, hell-bent for frolic and without a worry on his mind, is a different man entirely in Normandy, where he has a big job to do, according to John Hall, an Englishman with the American Army.

In dispatches from the front, the War Reporter tells the people of Britain that in his three weeks with these American boys, he found them to be real soldiers, able to "take it as well as dish it out."

"Grousing—bitching," as they call it—is left behind in the rear areas," says the writer.

"No soldiers could be more resolute. I have seen them ordered to attack a strong-point almost impregnable to infantry.

"They fled off without a word. Many died in that sortie. The survivors did not utter one word of private criticism of the task they had been set.

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"Their deep American confidence in themselves—sometimes back home you thought they had too much of it—disappears from the surface and conversation and goes inside, where it stays. But they do not underrate the Hun.

"They admire his fighting qualities,

his tenacity, and some of his equipment too.

"Next to his silence you would perhaps be most surprised to hear an American telling you, uncavassed, that no one can beat the Hun in the use of trench-mortars, that he envies the British battle-dress with its luxury of warmth and pockets.

"In battle his greatest admiration is for his own officers. Rightly so.

"You expect to see officers in the front line, but no army in the world sees the profusion of colonels and higher officers in the battle line more continuously than the American.

"When things hot up and you dive into a foxhole you are as likely as not to find that the man who followed you was a brigadier or major-general.

"American toughness is not just talk. Comfort is renounced as soon as they leave England.

## Keep to Foxholes

"There are plenty of houses here where administrative troops could be billeted. They are left empty. The Americans live in tents or foxholes.

"Close to the press tent camp where I am writing there is a large clearing hospital. It has a staff of 12 American doctors, the senior a man in the fifties, who left a comfortable general practice in the Middle West to join the Army.

"All 12 doctors sleep in foxholes close to their dispensary and operating tents.

"They sleep in holes in the ground, 6 ft. long, 3 ft. wide, and their only covering is a tiny piece of canvas—what the Americans call a "pup" tent. Their sleeping rolls are on the bare ground.

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The record was established through the cooperation of the Army, Air

Forces and Supply Services.

When the request for this equipment was received at headquarters, supply experts of the Supply Division of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer lost no time in making arrangements to get it to the fighting front.

Hurried telephone calls were made between London, Washington and New York and in a few hours from the time the requisition was received, nine loaded planes of the Air Transport Command were on their way from New York to England. With the cargo over mid-Atlantic, the final details of its disposition to France were being worked out in London by Col. R. C. Hildreth, of Lynns, Neb., Director of the Signal Supply Division, and Maj. Ralph G. Edwards, of Lexington, Ky., Signal Supply Representative, with officers of the Air Force and the Air Transport Command. All the details were completed in seven hours.

When the planes from New York arrived in England, they were met at the airport by the 9th Troop Carrier Command, Signal Corps officer were on hand to check and supervise the transfer of equipment from the one group of planes to the other. A few hours later in France supply depot troops were unloading the cargo from planes to trucks for rush delivery to the front.

# Lt. Col. R. S. Brown Killed in Pacific

WASHINGTON—Lt. Col. Robert S. Brown, Assistant to the Director of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations, was killed on Monday



LT. COL. R. S. BROWN

in the plane crash in the Pacific which took the life of Rear Admiral Charles P. Cecil.

Colonel Brown was chief of the Army Service Forces Group in the Bureau of Public Relations. He is the fourth officer of the bureau to be killed in the war.

He was born in Ross, O., and graduated from Ohio State University, before serving as a private in the last war. He worked on newspapers in Ohio, Indiana and Florida and was named editor of the Toledo News Bee in 1931. In 1933 he came to Washington as a correspondent for the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance. In 1937 he was named editor of the Columbus Citizen, where he remained until he joined the Army as a captain in 1942.

Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, in a telegram to Colonel Brown's widow at Tipp City, O., praised his "devotion to duty and the remarkable tact and ability which he displayed in his various assignments."

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**'NO WASTE'** is the rule with Yank troops. Cpl. Donald D. Shilling, Meadville, Pa., is repairing a torn jeep top cover on a sewing machine somewhere in France.

## 14 Volunteers Make Sandfly Fever Tests

WASHINGTON—Fourteen soldiers who volunteered to submit to experiments which greatly increased the knowledge of sandfly fever, a disease encountered by American fighting men in tropical and semi-tropical regions, have been awarded the Legion of Merit, the War Department announced.

The soldiers were all infected with the disease during the experiments. The fever was produced in some of the volunteers by small injections of blood from individuals who had it, and in others by deliberate exposure to repeated bites of infected sandflies.

Sandfly fever—the medical men call it "phlebotomus fever"—is caused by the nocturnal bite of a sandfly carrying the infective agent, a filterable virus. The carrier is a fly about an eighth of an inch long, and it is only the female of the species which bites. The puncture of the skin is usually painful and in a week or two the bite area becomes inflamed and swollen.

The fever is not contagious. The only way it can be transmitted is by the bite of a sandfly that has bitten a person who has the fever. The onset of the sickness begins two or three days afterwards and results in symptoms not unlike those of influenza. The patient is incapacitated for one or two weeks, although his temperature, going as high as 102 or 104 degrees, usually subsides in about three days.

The experiments disclosed that the virus causing the fever in the Middle East was the same as that contracted by our soldiers in Sicily. The active virus obtained from Sicily was injected into healthy individuals. They came down with sandfly fever. After complete recovery, they were injected with the active virus from Egypt. This time they did not contract the fever. So it was proved that an attack of Sicilian sandfly fever would confer immunity against the virus from Egypt.

The studies, which were started in April, 1943, in the Middle Eastern Theater, were directed by Dr. John R. Paul, Consultant to the Secretary of War and Director of The Surgeon General's Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases, who was flown into the area with Maj. A. B. Sabin, Army virus expert, and Maj. C. B. Philip, entomologist. In the field laboratory which was established, six different kinds of monkeys and several other animals were tested before the experiments with the soldiers were begun, but none of the animals was found to be susceptible to the disease.

The soldiers volunteered for a second series of experiments, which re-

sulted in the finding that two chemical insects repellents, dimethyl phthalate and a pyrethrum-containing vanishing cream are successful in preventing sandfly bites. The material was applied to exposed areas of the body and found effective throughout an eight-hour period. In making the test, infected sandflies were released in the sleeping quarters of men who had volunteered. Only those who had not applied the repellents were victims of the fever.

THE Ford Willow Run plant at Detroit recently completed its 5,000th heavy bomber. It now turns out a Liberator bomber in every production hour.

## ASTP Medic Students May Get Discharges

WASHINGTON — Procedures for disposal of certain enlisted personnel in the Army Specialized Training Medical Program necessitated by provisions of the Military Appropriations Act, 1945, were announced by the War Department. The act, approved June 28, 1944, stipulated that none of the funds appropriated shall be used for training medical and pre-medical students unless they were in training prior to June 7, 1944, and such training was defrayed from 1944 appropriations.

At the same time, it was announced that the ASTP dental training program is being terminated at the close of the present semester except for those in the senior, or final year, who will be permitted to complete the course and upon graduation will be commissioned. This action is taken because the Army's requirements for dentists are now filled.

### Medical Program

Those individuals now on active duty whose medical or pre-medical educational expenses were defrayed in whole or in part by the Government under the ASTP program prior to June 7, 1944, will be continued in the medical program of the ASTP. Those on active duty whose medical or pre-medical training was not defrayed either in whole or in part under the ASTP program prior to June 7, 1944, and who for that reason cannot be continued in the training program, fall into two classes who will be disposed of as follows:

1. Those who have letters of acceptance and who would have entered an accredited medical school by December 31, 1944. An individual in this group may elect to be discharged from the Army shortly before the entrance date of the class for which he was accepted; or to be assigned to the Medical Department with no further ASTP medical training.

2. Those who do not have a letter of acceptance to an accredited medical school, for entrance by December 31, 1944. These men will be continued on active duty, and will not be eligible for ASTP medical training.

### Dental Program

Dental students under the ASTP who are in their senior or final year will be allowed to continue the program until graduation, unless eliminated because of misconduct or scholastic failure. Those so eliminated will be available for assignment as enlisted men in the Medical Department.

Graduates of the dental program will be commissioned as officers either in the Army or the Navy and ordered to immediate active service.

Undergraduate dental students and those who have completed or will complete pre-dental training this semester and who will enter an accredited dental school this year will be given the option of discharge or assignment to the Medical Department. All others in the pre-dental program will be assigned to the Medical Department as enlisted men at the end of the current year.

## Fast Pace In Push to Rome

WASHINGTON—Doughboys of the 36th Infantry Division moved so fast once they got started on the big push to Rome that at one time their food and supply trucks were 110 miles behind the forward elements, according to S/Sgt. Albert M. McIlhany, San Antonio, Tex.

"Some of the boys had gone through Rome and were miles past it before we even reached it," said Sergeant McIlhany, who was a mess sergeant in a rifle company of the 36th Infantry Division. He is one of the first Infantrymen to return to this country from Rome.

"We went through Rome so fast that we didn't have any time for sightseeing," he said. "We were 70 miles past Rome when we finally caught up with our outfit."

## Allied Veterans Now in 21 States

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—With the opening of headquarters here for the New Jersey unit of the Allied Veterans of America, this organization, formed exclusively for veterans of World War II, now has headquarters in 21 states, according to Theodore M. Maphet, just appointed director and organizer here.

Maphet said the reason for early organization is to lay the foundation for the AVA to step into its place in the post-war world, and to present a pronounced front in fighting for adequate legislation for veterans.

## BOOKS

**"OUR HIDDEN FRONT,"** by William Gilman (Reynal & Hitchcock, Inc., New York—\$3.00.)

How much do you know of the Alaskan Campaign? Surprisingly little, when you come to think of it. The situation there was so bad at the beginning of the war, when the Japs were infiltrating our western islands, there was so much muddling, indecision and waste, that strict censorship was imposed by the War Department. Now the story has been told in detail, and the author gives credit for our retaining of the Aleutians where it belongs: on the shoulders of GI Joe and Lady Luck.

For years preceding Pearl Harbor, the strategic importance of Alaska was ignored, despite repeated efforts of Army and Navy officials. This lack of interest reached its peak on December 7, 1941, when the news of Pearl Harbor came to Alaskan Army Headquarters from a private broadcasting station in Fairbanks. Washington thought it unnecessary to notify General Buckner, though Alaska was the obvious stepping stone to invasion of America by Japan.

Washington, finally aroused, rushed equipment and civilian labor to build the vital stations, airfields and highways. Progress was disastrously impeded by squabbles and unionists. One foreman warned his workers, "Go slow, take it easy. Got to make the work last." Six months after Pearl Harbor, one officer remarked, "The Japs don't even have to attack. They need use only submarines to cut our umbilical cord from Seattle and we'll be starved out." Why the Japs didn't remains a war mystery.

Mr. Gilman has great admiration for the fortitude of the American soldier in Alaska, who whipped not only the Japs but the weather, despite inadequate clothes and poor supply lines. He gives stirring accounts of air, land and sea battles, interlarded with individual heroes and unnecessary sacrifices due to incompetence.

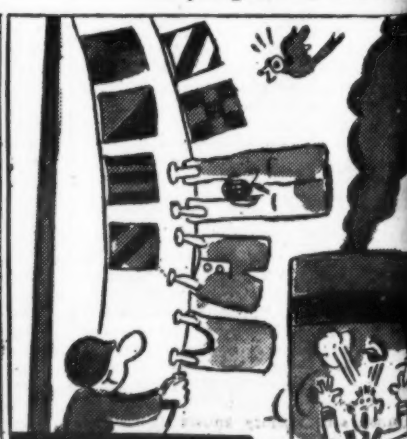
"Our Hidden Front" will make you mad and frighten you with Washington's tragic muddling in the early stages of the war. It will make you mighty proud of GI Joe who did the fighting, won the victory and remained cheerful in the bleak outposts when the danger had passed.

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## Farmer Boy's Story

## Invasion Thrilling, Says Ranger

HEADQUARTERS, European Theater of Operations—Sgt. Theodore A. James, 23, of Clinton, Ark., farmer, who landed with the first Ranger assault troops on the French beach, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He is now in a United States Army general hospital in England, where he is convalescing.

Here is the story he told an Army correspondent: "We lay in a small assault boat built for 30 men, but there were 36 of us. The water was rough and we all became sick that invasion morning. One of the boys stuck his head up over the side of the boat and said, 'Gee, they just blew up one of our boats.' We could hear Jerry machine gun fire and we knew then opposition was going to be tough.

"Engineers were to have cleared the underwater obstacles so the landing craft could get ashore. This hadn't been done in our area and we had to leave the boat 200 yards from the beach. The German guns had a range of 300 yards and we were in their range when the landing ramps were lowered. Many of the boys got hit going down these ramps. Germans hit and sank a lot of our boats. I was lucky and got into the water without getting hit."

## First to Arrive

"We were the first to arrive. A German division was on anti-invasion maneuvers and when we landed we had more Jerries to face than we expected.

"After struggling through the water I got on the beach. It didn't take long to realize the beach was covered with gun fire. I saw pillboxes to the left and the right. There were

snipers hidden in the small cliffs above the beach. They were using smokeless powder and you couldn't see them at all, not even where their fire came from.

"There was a stretch of beach about 200 yards long leading to a small shelter of some rock piles. If you crawled along that stretch, the Jerries up in the pillboxes would riddle you. If you got up and ran along toward the stretch and made it you were damned lucky. I got up and ran toward the rock and made it. I hit the ground in back of it and lay there. I was damned lucky.

"Above the beach-rock was barbed wire, which meant when you left this shelter you couldn't crawl—you had to run. The barbed wire wouldn't let you stay near the ground. I also knew I couldn't stay there long because they would soon have us in range with their mortar fire.

"Some amphibious tanks had landed on shore and were beginning to open up on the pillboxes. They soon had one up to the left out of commission. Under cover of tanks I got up and over the barbed wire. I knew as soon as I saw the ground mines must be around. But I had to go on.

## Luck With Him

"I saw a path I figured the Jerries used while treading through their own mines, so I used it. I started walking up the road to the mine field. All this time I must have been a good target, but luck was with me. I guess I was mad and would have walked anyway, even without the barbed wire. I could see the beach from this position and could see the boys getting shot and shelled down there, even wounded.

"As I advanced toward a machine gun nest one of the tanks caught it with a shell and robbed me of my kill. Tanks by this time had gotten a couple of other pillboxes and the men were beginning to find snipers and kill them.

"I felt then the high ground was

ours. I turned back and retraced my steps. I wanted to find my commander and tell him that the high ground was ours. I wanted him to start moving the men off the beach and out of the line of fire.

"I was standing over the rock shelter trying to find the CO and I guess that all the snipers weren't where they should be—dead. I drew the fire of one and he hit me in the arm and hand.

"I went back to the beach to find an aid man. I finally found one and he dressed my wounds. I could see all around me what a fine job the medics were doing. There were so many wounded there and they were taking care of all they could under fire. They were just as vulnerable as we were too. Many got hit while administering to the wounded. They are a fine bunch of guys, those medics.

## LST Was Shelled

"I stayed on the beach until a small naval boat carried me out to the LST. There I stayed until they carried us to England. The LST was constantly being shelled. The side of it was hit and many sailors were killed. It must have been five days before we finally arrived back in England.

"I never saw a braver bunch of guys than our boys; rangers, medics, engineers and infantry included. I only heard one guy scream the whole time I was there. We've got more guts than they ever thought of having.

"It was wonderful to look up in the sky when you were on the beach and see all the planes above you and know they were all on your side. The air support, all in all, was beautiful."

Ward Surgeon Capt. Louis J. Gogol of Los Angeles, said James was "coming along fine and will be able to go back to duty soon."

James' wife, Wilma, and his mother, Mrs. Helen Dickens, live in Clinton. He left his farm to enlist in February, 1940.



—Signal Corps Photo

LAP-FUL of gold from fillings collected from GIs' teeth by three dental clinics at Camp Blanding, Fla., are displayed by comely Faustine Roberts, secretary to the Camp's salvage officer. The gold, valued at \$9,300, will go to war effort through the United States Treasury. Boxes on the floor also contain gold.

## Former War Prisoner Trains For Revenge

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Hoping he can soon return to Europe and there settle a long-standing score with the Nazis, Pvt. Maurice Konig, 28-year-old Dutch veteran, is training with about the most vigorous enthusiasm ever witnessed at this Infantry Replacement Training Center. Konig is not only fired with pride

in the objective of the Yanks, but he wishes revenge for his 19 months as a German prisoner of war and also to avenge the deaths of his parents and his sister, who were taken by Nazi occupational authorities in Holland. He is convinced his parents were killed shortly after their capture.

Private Konig's long journey to America started early in 1940 at the Abbeville prison stockade in Holland, where he was first confined as a war prisoner. Konig escaped three weeks from the date of his imprisonment and made for the Spanish border. He got to within a stone's throw of it, but was caught before he could cross.

Placed in a concentration camp at St. Cyprien, he spent 18 months there before managing a second escape on July 13, 1941—his 25th birthday. He slowly worked his way into unoccupied France, where an American consul supplied a visa with which he eventually entered the United States.

His trip to this country was through Spain, across the northwest hump of North Africa to South America, thence to Mexico and into the United States.

Konig hasn't heard from his father since early in 1941. A short time later he lost contact with his mother and sister. "The Nazis took them away," he says.

## Medical Survey Of Guam Protects Troops' Health

WASHINGTON—A complete medical and sanitary survey of Guam was prepared by the Medical Department, in advance of landings on that island, so that medical officers could anticipate and overcome local disease problems, it was disclosed by the War Department this week.

Brig. Gen. J. S. Simmons, Chief of the Preventive Medical Division in the Office of the Surgeon General, said that "the health of American troops landing in Guam was amply protected by every method known to medical science, and with full knowledge of every health hazard."

A public health program had been in effect, under Navy auspices, in Guam until it was captured by the Japanese. Hence the special hazards, such as hookworm, with which 25 per cent of the natives are known to be infected, and of bad water, were known and could be amply provided against.

## Fifteenth AF Fighter Wing Gets Total of 1008 Kills

ROME—Eleven planes shot down over Ploesti this week brought the total kills for the Fifteenth Air Force Wing, commanded by Brig. Gen. Dean C. Strother, Austin, Tex., to 1,008.

The wing has lost one plane for every six victims.

## Fought Hard For Rome; They Find It Most Alluring

ROME—To one who has seen all the other "leave" cities of Egypt, Africa and Southern Italy, Rome alone is completely satisfactory to soldiers of the Allied forces.

Rome has none of that oppressive sterility of Cairo, the noise and shallowness of Algiers, and none of the dirt and unsavory poverty of Naples.

Allied soldiers captured Rome all right, as the fruit of bitter battle; but Rome conquers them when they now come in leisure to visit it.

You can tell that by the look of awe on their faces as they gaze at the ancient ruins, tread softly into St. Peter's, or stroll very quietly along the wide, sunny avenues with their shady lines of umbrella pines and evergreen oaks.

Quite apart from sightseeing and just adoring Rome, the men are offered recreation in plenty.

Their day-leave ticket, besides permitting them to enter the city, entitles them to one meal—lunch or dinner, as they choose—at the Ristorante Bolognese, at the top of the Corso Umberto, or at the Ristorante Vallani, in the main railway station building.

They just show their tickets and get soup, meat, and potatoes, and a sweet for ten lire (10 cents).

Officers have their own restaurant, too, in a delightful salon in the Pincio Gardens, with a magnificent view over Rome's rooftops.

They eat excellently for half-a-dollar and can buy a small bottle of fairly good white wine for 40 cents.

There are plenty of canteens and clubs. Both the American and British Army organizations have cinemas and variety shows to offer.

## Army's Malaria Rate Drops Two-Thirds to Three-Quarters

WASHINGTON—In its first comprehensive statement on the malaria problem the War Department reported this week that the rate of the disease in highly malarious war theaters is now but one-quarter to one-third of what it was early in the war. The statement said that the Army on the whole had "a good record in preventing malaria."

The disease has caused much less non-effectiveness in our armies than in those of the enemy, the report noted. American casualties from malaria have been fewer than those experienced by enemy forces in comparable areas.

Actual deaths from malaria are

low. The report notes that the number directly attributable to malaria in 1943 was "under 100." But it is the "non-effectiveness" factor of the disease which concerns military officials. While no figures were given for overseas areas the report gave those for troops within the United States as 0.2 per 1000 in 1943.

The report noted that atabrine, especially with improved methods of use developed during the war, has been found to be fully as effective as quinine in nearly all cases. Army experience has shown that in many ways atabrine is preferable to quinine and just as free from undesirable effects.

## New Belting Method Is Devised at Camp Polk

IT'S THE NEW BELT CARRY  
Woodmen Used it for Portaging Kayaks

CAMP POLK, La.—Eighth Armored Division soldiers are practicing a new belt carry devised by a medical officer and a sergeant of the 398th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

The carry, for transporting wounded over long distances, came from Capt. Norman H. Mellor's cursory glance at an Army news publication's description of Russian methods in belting patients.

Captain Mellor likes the carry because the principal components are two GI pistol belts.

"Every armored soldier carries a pistol belt into action, thus he's always got his own and the patient's to work with," the captain said.

Woodmen will be reminded by

Captain Mellor's carry of the vertical hitch for portaging kayaks. The new belting method is an adaptation.

It uses two pistol belts, drawn out to their full lengths and hooked together so as to form a continuous belt. The patient is carried on the back, sitting on one loop and supported by another, with two more loops acting as pack straps around the bearer's shoulders.

Captain Mellor and T/3 Owan McSpaaden have demonstrated the belting method to officers and enlisted men's classes in first aid and transporting casualties. The method caught on quickly and one unit, according to Captain Mellor, planned to make an athletic event of it, incorporating the carry into a field day competition.





—Signal Corps Photo  
**EMPTY** wine casks in abandoned French barns serve as bunks for Yanks. Here's Pvt. Arthur B. Skaggs, of St. Louis, whose new quarters have all the comforts of home—a 'pinup' girl in his own cask and full wine containers alongside.

## 101st Cavalry Group Is At Camp Campbell

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Cavalry, with proud traditions which are deep rooted in the battlefields of two past wars, has arrived here to take its place in the ranks of the 12th Corps. This latest unit to be entered on the constantly growing rolls of Camp Campbell is the 101st Cavalry Group (Mechanized), Col. Charles B. McClelland, commanding.

Arrival of the 101st Cavalry Group with its three Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons, the 34th, 101st and 116th, marked the end of an active mission for these troops with the Eastern Defense Command which lasted for a period of approximately two years.

The Group Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, as well as the 101st and 116th Squadrons, are the outgrowth of the 101st Cavalry which was inducted into Federal service for the fourth time in its history on January 27, 1941. The reorganization and redesignation of these units took place in December, 1943. The 34th Squadron originally was the reconnaissance unit of the Fourth Motorized Infantry Division, being activated as a single troop in July, 1940, with a cadre from the 6th Cavalry. The 34th joined the 191st Cavalry Group in January, 1944.

### In Spanish-American War

The parent organization of the group received its baptism of fire during the Spanish-American War when it was attached to the 1st Division as a reconnaissance unit in the battle for Puerto Rico. Richard Harding Davis, the greatest war correspondent of his time, recorded for posterity the efficient service rendered by this unit in that jungle warfare of an earlier day.

Service on the Mexican Border and then into World War I is the recorded path to war of these cavalrymen who remained cavalrymen at heart although they fought through the woods and across the rivers of France as members of separate machine gun battalions of the 27th Division—the division which "broke the Hindenburg line."

### Cavalry Calls Again

Colonel McClelland, commanding officer of the newly-arrived cavalry unit, graduated at United States

Military Academy, Class 1929 and soon joined the Fifth Cavalry, where he served his first years as a junior officer until 1933, when he was called for duty at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kan. His next assignment was to the Second Cavalry and in 1937 he joined the famous Third Cavalry at Fort Myer, Va. Seeking new paths on the road to war, Colonel McClelland in 1942 accepted a detail in the Tank Destroyers and shortly became the commanding officer of the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. In 1943, the Cavalry called again and he returned under the crossed sabers to command the 101st Cavalry Regiment, which was shortly reorganized and redesignated 101st Cavalry Group (Mech.). During his horse cavalry days he was an ardent polo player and a well known figure in the military jumping classes in the national and leading East Coast horse shows. Of more recent date he is better known for his construction of super obstacle courses—and what is more he leads the way over them.

## What's Jungle Really Like? Scots Have a Word for It

IMPHAL FRONT—The story of a 24-hour patrol by men of the Royal Scots was told by their leader, Lt. J. H. Mackenzie to an observer with General Slim's 14th Army.

The party had just returned and were trying to clean themselves up after experiencing some of the most difficult country in this part of the world. Every man was a mass of cuts and leech bites.

The patrol had pushed into the hills to the west of the Dimapur-Imphal road, from which the Japs have recently been sent scuttling. Their task was to try to make their way behind some suspected enemy positions.

"The going was terrible, the jungle almost impenetrable," said Lt. Mackenzie. "We were told to return and attempt to blaze a trail for a further patrol. This we found virtually impossible, the creepers holding us

## Contribute to Victory

# 'Coddling' of Prisoners Denied

WASHINGTON—Substantial contributions to the American war effort are being made throughout the United States by members of Italian Service Units who have volunteered for jobs in the war program, the War Department announced today.

At present there are 184 of these units, located at 60 stations in various parts of the country. The men work at general depots, arsenals and ordnance installations, ports of embarkation and Army posts, camps and stations.

The work is essential war work, such as loading or unloading trucks and railroad cars, handling of equipment and salvage, crating, repairing or processing vehicles and other military equipment. Where members of the units possess valuable mechanical skills, these are utilized.

### Additional Freedom

The only reward received by members of the service units for their contribution to the American war effort, aside from wages at the regular rate provided for all prisoners of war, is additional freedom. This takes the form of sightseeing or educational tours and recreational visits to nearby communities, under American military supervision. This relaxation of the restrictions has resulted in a noticeable improvement in their efficiency and productiveness in the war effort.

Members of the Italian Service Units thus have a different status

than ordinary prisoners of war, such as German prisoners and Italian-Fascist prisoners. This arises from the fact that Italy has been accepted by the United States, Great Britain and Russia as a co-belligerent in the war against Germany.

Italian service units are performing similar service in European and African theaters of war.

Italian prisoners of war volunteer for duty in these service units. They are carefully investigated to make sure they are not pro-Nazi or pro-Fascist. If they pass this "screening" test, they are classified according to skill or aptitude, given such training as may be necessary, and assigned to duty in essential war work.

"The labor and skills available in Italian Service Units have been valuable to Army commanders in this country who have critical jobs to do," said Brig. Gen. John Eager, U. S. Army, commanding general of the units, with headquarters at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. "At many installations the work load has increased rapidly in recent months. Installation commanders say the accomplishment of their missions has been greatly

assisted by the Italian Service Units."

### Treatment Unchanged

In addition to the 35,000 members of Italian Service Units who have volunteered for work in the American war program, there are approximately 185,000 ordinary prisoners of war in the United States. None of these men may be used in work having direct relation to military operations. They are kept under armed guard at all times. German and Italian-Fascist prisoners are not permitted to leave their prison camps except under such guard, and then only to go to work or for other official purposes. They are worked, fed and housed in strict compliance with the rules prescribed in the Geneva Convention.

These prisoners are used to alleviate the manpower shortage, but not in competition with civilian labor. When a civilian hires prisoner-of-war labor, he pays into the United States Treasury the same amount of money per unit of work he would pay otherwise to civilian workers. Prisoner-of-war labor has put \$6,000,000 into the Treasury to date, and existing contracts will add a further \$15,000,000.

## Story of the 96th Division Told in Super-Slick Book

WASHINGTON—The story of the 96th Infantry Division has been told in a way to make every member of the organization, from the newest GI up to Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, its commander, very proud.

In a magnificent booklet, the size of a tabloid newspaper, but vastly different in appearance, running to 84 pages with a specially striking cover, the activation, growth, and everyday life of the Division at Camp White, Ore., is told, mostly in pictures, in a way which might well set a style and example for the scores of such publications which will probably be brought forth by other divisions in the months to come.

The Foreword by General Bradley, dedicates the book "to the enlisted men in the ranks, the soldiers on whom the success of any army stands or falls. They are the men who, by their blood, courage and wits will write the story of the 96th Division. Of the ending there can be no doubt." The General's brief note appears in the center of a border of the division's insignia, reproduced in their colors.

The photography, running from

full-page reproductions down to well-arranged pages of groups, is superb. Action has been stressed, so that, beyond a few of buildings, the pictures present movement and thus live. Even the parade groups seem to possess this feature.

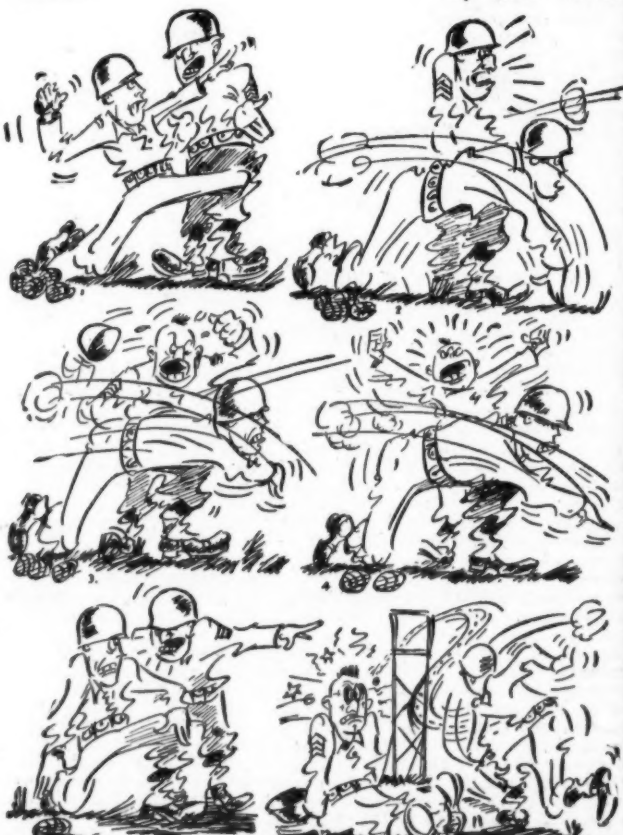
A dozen pages of inserts on cream stock of pencil drawings by Pachl, depicting combat training activities, and dealing with almost every unit of the division, add to this impression of action.

Whoever was responsible for the headlines used his sense of reality and humor to keep out the commonplace. For instance "Home on the Range" titles a page group picturing the division's ranges, and "Big Guns", another of visiting high ranking officers. "Life at Its Worst" covers a group of KP operations.

Every phase of the division's life and training, including the fun and recreation, has been pictured, with an occasional word of comment or explanation. The book will not only be valuable now but will also be treasured in years to come as an admirable presentation of the days spent in training by the men of the division.

## GI Whirl

By Joe Wilson



Grenade Throwing

## Colonel Halstead Now Stationed At Forrest

CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—Col. Sidney S. Eberle, commanding officer of 11th Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, has been transferred to Second Army Headquarters in Memphis.

He is succeeded by Col. William H. Halstead, who came here from Ninth Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.



## Printing Invasion Guide Books Is Big Business

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS—"They also serve who only stand and wait."

At their printing presses and cases in England, the Engineer unit commanded by 1st Lt. I. C. Harper of Jackson, Miss., serves well in the liberation of Europe and in the aerial retribution that the Allied Air Forces are wreaking on Germany. Frequently it means 18 hours a day duty but printing jobs that would take a civilian firm as much as 10 days are completed overnight.

In France Joe has to know how to say, "Sorry, je n'ai pas du gum!" Or to the Russian host, "Da," if he will partake of that vodka. So quick like a bunny the Engineer company gets out guide books. Thousands of government issue Baedekers on France and the Soviet Union roll off the presses for the liberating soldiers and the shuttle bombers.

These jobs have to be done with accuracy and speed. General Eisenhower's Order of the Day comes in. Distribution in the thousands by morning. They have to be printed and transported to the marshalling ports. Often information about a bombing target has to be disseminated. The presses start humming.

Or a chart has to be enlarged and reproduced to plan a ground attack in Normandy or to aid a mission over Germany. Speed, speed, speed...

### Ready for France

The plant grew like Topsy. Lieutenant Harper found two English presses which are not geared for the same high degree of speed as the American. Furthermore the American printers were not familiar with them. Today the equipment has been increased fivefold and is varied. It is also mobile and ready to take off for France on a very short notice.

This unit prints all the Air Force forms and does all the printing for the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force. In addition it is charged with the defense of the post. Besides running the printing plant and all its tributaries, these Engineers have their drill, fire guard, firing practice and other soldierly duties to perform. And they still managed to win the post championships in baseball, football and soccer.

## Three Millionth Garand Will Be Historic Weapon

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Setting a production record unequalled in the 150 years of its existence, Springfield Armory has stamped the 3,000,000th receiver for a Garand rifle and sent it along for final assembly into a historic weapon. Each Garand receiver, the component which houses the firing mechanism of the gun, carries the legend, "U. S. Rifle, Cal. .30 M1, Springfield Armory." Then follows the individual serial number of the weapon.

The 3,000,000th Garand will be fitted with a special stock, after the manner of the 2,000,000th Garand completed last year, which is being retained in the Armory museum where are found models of all types of weapons manufactured at the plant, beginning with French Charleville flintlock of 1794.

## Is First American To Join WACs in England

EUROPE THEATER OF OPERATIONS—When Wac recruiting opened in England, Lucille N. Hall, native of Auburn, Mass., became the first American citizen to be enlisted in the Women's Army Corps.

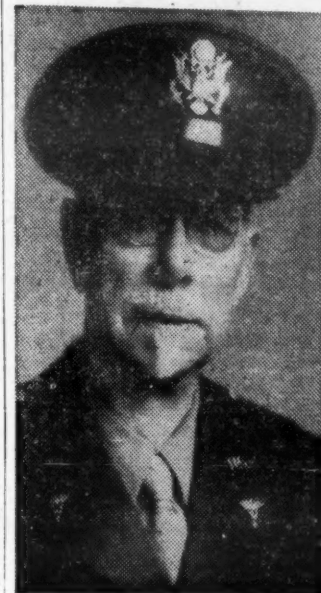
Coming to England in 1936 from South America for a "short stay," Miss Hall remained to "help the war effort," being active in Civil Defense as an ambulance driver.

All women enlisted in England will receive basic training at an American replacement depot here and will be assigned to Army jobs in the ETO. Enlistments close September 1.

## Army's in His Blood, Joins Again at 71

OAKLAND, Calif.—1st Lt. George W. Clarke, now on active duty in the Medical Corps at an Army station near here, is one of the Army's oldest lieutenants, if not the oldest.

Lieutenant Clarke celebrated his 71st birthday last January and



Lt. George W. Clarke

three months later was commissioned.

Born in Michigan on January 24, 1873, he first attempted to enter the military service during the Spanish-American War but was stopped by a technicality. He was placed in the Naval Reserve.

Along came World War I, so Dr. Clarke again offered his services to his country. In September, 1917, he was commissioned a first lieutenant, MC, and assigned to the 20th Inf. Div. at Camp Dodge, Ia. In 1919 he returned to civilian life.

After World War I, Lt. Clarke moved to San Bernardino, Calif., but last year gave up his practice and became affiliated with the associate staff of the General Hospital at Berkeley. There, working with Army personnel, he determined to offer his full time to the Army for a third time.

Asked what prompted his decision, he answered, "I thought it my duty and a rare privilege to relieve a younger man for combat duty, so I just offered to join up again. Certainly I'm proud I was accepted. Not many men have as many opportunities of serving their country. Say, do you think this fog tarnishes my bars?"



—Signal Corps Photo

HOUSECLEANING in their new home was the first job of Cpl. Mildred C. Meyer, Bronx, N. Y., and Pfc. Alice M. Murray, Jersey City following their arrival in France with the first Wac Detachment to reach the fighting front.

## Snow-Plow Tanks Mow Snipers

WASHINGTON—American tanks with snow plows attached to the front of them have been clearing the hedgerows of Normandy of German snipers harassing advancing infantrymen, it was revealed by two American armored force officers just returned from England.

Just after D-Day, Allied doughboys were frequently held up by snipers and machinegunners concealed in hedges, who on several occasions inflicted severe casualties on the oncoming infantrymen. But the tanks, impervious to small arms fire, rumbled into the hedges with snow plows thrust before them and cleared the Nazis out of the way.

Use of the new device was disclosed by Maj. Louis F. Roberts, Baltimore, and Maj. George C. Spence, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

Major Spence, who was a member of a small American tank detachment that fought with the British Eighth Army in Egypt and Libya early in 1942—the first American ground troops to see action in this war—reported that the lessons learned in that early campaign were being put to good use in British-American operations today.

"We found that the infantry-artillery-tank combination was the big thing then," he said. "It was essential for the infantry to work in close

cooperation with the artillery and tanks. That was proved true in parts of Italy, and it's being proved again in Normandy today."

Both officers stated that the morale of American infantrymen about to embark for France just before D-Day was remarkably high.

"Early in the war," said Major Spence, "there were stories about officers having to push their men into landing craft. Nobody had to be pushed to go into France. The doughboys were all eager to get moving."

American soldiers still in England

have been doing an excellent job of helping the British dig out during the recent German attacks with "robot" bombs, both officers said.

"The bombings have been absolutely indiscriminate," Major Roberts said. "I don't know of one case in which a bomb hit a military installation."

Major Spence added that the flying projectiles, coming over, made a highly distinctive noise. "They sound like a loud motorcycle with its exhaust cut out," he said, "except 10 times as loud as the loudest motorcycle I ever heard."

## 16th Infantry Regiment Is Cited For Heroism on D-Day

WASHINGTON — "For turning threatened catastrophe into a glorious victory," the 16th Infantry Regiment (1st Division) has been cited by the Commanding General of the U. S. First Army, the War Department announces.

The story starts on D-Day, June 6, 1944, when violent seas swamped the assault boat carrying men and weapons ashore near Colleville-sur-Mer, on the northern coast of Normandy. Men and weapons were hurled into what are described in the citation as "the intricate and almost impenetrable barriers of mine-capped underwater obstacles."

Hundreds were struck down as they struggled toward shore. The entire regiment was the target for pointblank fire from numerous reinforced positions on higher ground. Concrete pillboxes, machinegun emplacements and snipers' nests dominated the shore. They had defied destruction in the naval and air bombardment which preceded the invasion on the beaches.

### Little Hope Ahead

There were minefields ahead of the Americans, barbed wire before them and a raging sea filled with sudden death behind them. There was nothing to go back to, and little hope ahead.

Within a few hours almost one-third of the assault strength of the regiment had been cut down by enemy fire. Those who escaped the withering blasts from the cliffs in front of them piled up in wave after wave on a beach seven yards wide. They did the only thing they could do—fought back with rifles and rockets. From the flat meadow along the shore they fired at an enemy they could not see, and who returned their fire from the protection of concrete and steel.

Theirs was the task of opening the beach and holding it for an Army Corps driving in behind them. It looked impossible. They did it.

There were five separate counterattacks by numerically superior forces as the battered but not beaten 16th drove toward its objectives. They went on, says the citation, until the 1st Division and the Corps beachhead was secured. For 48 hours this beach was the principal gateway for troops of the Corps pouring into Normandy. It was the 16th Infantry Regiment which opened it.

## Score Sheets On Ground Gains Is Bad, Says SHAEF

SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—Tendency of military writers—both British and American—to compare gains made by the British and American armies in the Normandy campaign does not meet approval of the high command, according to a high ranking officer under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"We are Allied soldiers and there is no nationality over there," said this officer. "We have been very much surprised to note the tendency to compare gains made by troops under Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Christopher Dempsey and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley. We do not gauge the success of an operation by the size of the advance made. Any general who trades men for ground—if it is just to expand—is a damn fool. Hitler's mad policy of never to give up an inch of ground has cost him half a million men on his various fighting fronts."

"We are glad he fights that way. But we are not going to sacrifice men's lives to take ground or to hold ground just for the sake of doing so. If we need it for strategic reasons—that is different."

"One man is running this show. He is feeling his way and punching where it does the most good."

## Stabile Does His Saipan Staff In Motion Pix Style

WITH THE 27TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON SAIPAN.—Because he continually fought his portion of the battle here as casually as if he had rehearsed each sequence for filming, T/Sgt. John Stabile, of Bronx, N. Y., became known as "Humphrey Bogart" to the men in his company. The incident which best describes Stabile's utter disregard for personal danger and ability to make the extreme seem commonplace occurred during an advance over a portion of rolling terrain on Saipan. His company's advance had been halted as it was coming down a hill. Holding the men up was a machine gun, manned by five Japs, well placed under a mangrove tree in the bottom of a valley.

The unit was forced back over the crest of a hill to escape annihilation. Stabile surveyed the situation, called for a Browning automatic rifle and deliberately stood up in the full field of fire of the Jap weapon. He then coolly fired five clips of ammunition spraying the tree and disposing of all five Japs.

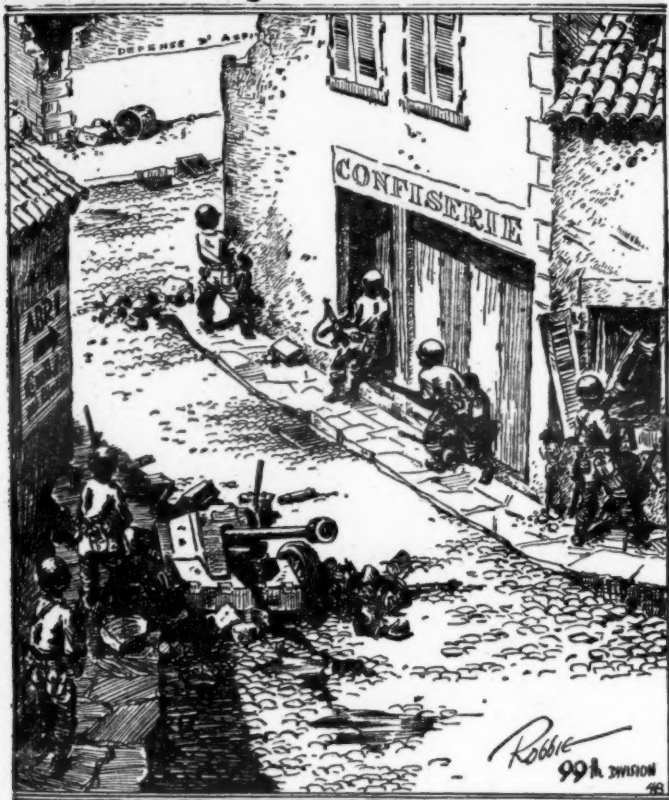
Nonchalantly turning to his unit, he called, "Let's get the hell down there now."

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## What's Wrong With This Picture?



HERE are some Doughboys working their way through a French village, one of many they have taken—but they are making some serious errors in their street fighting. Can you find them before checking the answers on this page.

## Army Ground Forces News

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES:**—Five infantrymen were presented the Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges by Brig. Gen. James G. Christiansen, Chief of Staff, Army Ground Forces, during a ceremony at the Army War College last Saturday honoring the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, former commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, killed in action in Normandy last week.

Lt. Gen. Ben. Lear, Commanding General of Army Ground Forces, Army War College, Washington, D. C., recently made a trip to Camp Hood, Tex. General Lear inspected the Tank Destroyer School, the Infantry Replacement Training Center and the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center while there. Two officers, Col. Wendell L. Clemenson, INF., and Maj. Edwin S. Chapman, MC, have reported to this headquarters for permanent duty. Colonel Clemenson has been assigned as chief of the Ground Special Information, while Major Chapman was assigned to the Ground Medical Section.

Col. Gerald B. Devore, former armored and tank destroyer member of the Army Ground Forces Observer Board in the North African Theater of Operation, has returned to the United States and is making a report to this headquarters.

**HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND:**—Brig. Gen. Frank C. McConnell, Chief of Staff, Anti-Aircraft Command, visited Camp Davis, N.C., last week in connection with anti-aircraft matters.

A conference, in connection with the familiarization of combat air

crews in the effectiveness and appearance of anti-aircraft gunfire, was held here last week and attended by representatives of the commanding general, Army Air Forces, and the commanding general, Anti-Aircraft Command. Officers attending the conference included Col. M. J. McKinney, AC, Lt. Col. P. D. Jacques, AC, and Lt. Col. Lionel B. Deville, AC, all from Headquarters Army Air Forces; Col. William L. MacPherson, CAC, and Lt. Col. K. C. Smith, CAC, this headquarters; and Col. D.C. Martin, CAC, Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center.

Recently assigned to duty at this headquarters are Maj. D. B. Cruikshank, SC, assigned to the Signal Section, and WO (jg) Otto E. Barman, USA, assigned to the G-4 section.

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER:**—Maj. Gen. Paul W. Newgarden, commanding general of the 10th Armored Division, who was killed in a plane crash on the eve of the second anniversary of the division he activated, was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Tank crews of the 14th Armored Division who scored either marksman, sharpshooter or expert in recent tank crew gunnery tests, have been authorized to display proficiency emblems on the turrets of their tanks. The colorful red and white shields with one white circle denoting marksman, two circles for sharpshooter and three circles for expert, will appear on about 86 percent of the division's tanks.

Following successful completion of tough five-fold infantry training tests, 66 officers and enlisted men of the 11th Armored Division's three armored infantry battalions were awarded the prized expert infantryman's badge at Camp Cooke, Calif., recently.

Cpl. Frank L. Hiler, of the 20th Armored Division, has established a division record for driving a 2½-ton truck for nine months, traveling more than 17,000 miles without ever having the truck deadlined except to change tires and without the replacement of a single mechanical part. In such a period, the average Army vehicle usually needs replacement of many parts and may be deadlined for weeks for repairs.

More than 300 enlisted men from Camp Chaffee's 16th Armored Division volunteered for the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga. during

## Just As in Everyday Life

# Some Smiles Come Amid War

WASHINGTON—Many of the men returning for home-furloughs from the Italian front intertwine their tales of warfare horrors with cheerful little sidelights in interviews they give out through the War Department.

Lt. Dennis F. Neal, of Villisca, Ia., who had fought the Germans in the North African campaign and in Italy for 29 months with the 34th Infantry, with thrilling adventures as a platoon leader, preferred to tell of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark taking time out last Christmas Day to make this infantryman happy by giving him a battlefield promotion from a sergeant to lieutenant. Lieutenant Neal wears the Silver Star for his gallantry in extricating his company from a dangerous position in the mountains near Rochetti, Italy.

Pvt. Gene Cummings, of Randolph, Neb., former night club and radio entertainer, wears the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge as evidence he was in the thick of it on the Anzio beachhead with the First Armored Division, but he likes to tell of his thrill in buying an old guitar from an Italian and strumming a few of the tunes he formerly sent over the air waves.

### Healed His Wound

Pvt. Harold Reinstra was confined to a convalescent hospital between Naples and Magnoli and had been advised by medics that it might be weeks before the shrapnel wound in his foot would mend so he could walk. But the Jerries bombed the hospital, Reinstra was blown out of bed, four feet in the air and then ran a full mile without even limping. After the raid, he returned to the hospital and asked the medical of-

ficers to send him back to duty.

When he was wounded in the foot by a German mortar shell on the Anzio beachhead, Pvt. Robert W. Rodger, 19-year-old Springfield, Ill., infantryman, smilingly said he was pained and chagrined, but he wasn't surprised. "I'd seen the Jerries put too many mortar shells in other doughboys' hip pockets that I knew it was just about my turn. But I'm one lucky guy. The shell that wounded me hit two feet from me, killed two men right beside me and killed my squad leader as well."

Pvt. Joseph K. Johnson, a Des Moines, Ia., butcher, was marching along a road in Italy when he saw a beautiful, luscious-looking peach hanging temptingly in an orchard. He was about to pick the peach when he gave thought to the fact the Jerries might have been playing an "Adam and Eve" trick. So Private Johnson looked around, and not

two inches from his feet lay an S-mine, all nicely wired so that a grab for the peach would set it off and just ruin the peach fancier's appetite for a long while. Private Johnson adds: "I took mighty good care of my thumb—you know you can't be a butcher without it—you need it to keep the meat from falling off the scale."

T/Sgt. Morris W. Walker, of Cherokee, Tex., said the most impressive incident of his entry into Rome with the 36th was the display of many hundreds of American flags by the cheering crowds. "Where all these American flags came from will always be a mystery to me. Italians swarmed around our vehicles begging for rifles so they could go shoot themselves some Germans." Sergeant Walker wears the Silver Star for his volunteering for a mission in which the chances of survival seemed exceedingly slim.

## Ninth Division Celebrates Birthday Whipping Krauts

WASHINGTON—The Germans reported to the home folks that 24 divisions had made the attack that broke their Normandy line, but one of the six Yank divisions that were really in the attack knew it was just celebrating its fourth birthday.

The six divisions named as participating in the drive are the Second and Third Armored and First, Fourth, Ninth and Thirtieth Divisions, some of the proudest of the United States Army.

The other five were helping the Ninth celebrate in grand style.

The brief but brilliant history of the Ninth Division is a clear reflection of the part the United States has played in this war. The four years of its existence present the perfect picture of America's preparation for and participation in World War II.

In August 1940, the British had experienced Dunkirk and were preparing for what seemed like an inevitable invasion by Hitler's forces from across the channel. The United States, too, was faced with the stark reality of an imminent war. The Army began its expansion, and the last of the regular Army divisions, the Ninth Infantry Division, was activated at Fort Bragg, N. C., on August 1, 1940.

Sent to organize the Ninth was a skeleton force of regular Army soldiers, to whom were added in the next few months thousands of the civilian soldiers that were poured

into the Army through Selective Service. There followed a period of training, and then came Pearl Harbor and the real thing. It became obvious that it would be necessary for Allied armies to land on enemy-held beaches, and the Ninth was immediately launched on an amphibious training program.

Since that time, the Ninth Infantry Division has met and defeated the enemy many times—many times at his own game. The Ninth landed in the amphibious invasion of North Africa in November 1942, fought through the barren country of El Guettar, across the jungle-like mountains of Sedjenane and Sicily, across and up the Cherbourg peninsula in France.

During training and combat, the Ninth continuously cadred new divisions in the ever-expanding Army and graduated such outstanding soldiers as Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Deers, U. S. Commander in the Mediterranean; Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Commander of the Seventh Army; six major generals, and four brigadier generals. The Division Commander throughout combat has been Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy.

The Ninth Division today, on its fourth anniversary, is composed of men from all 48 states and the District of Columbia.

THIRTY-ONE topflight Nazi officers, have been killed in action or accidents or captured by the Allies since June last.



"I suppose you think I'm silly, imagining I see faces, and animals, and things in the clouds."

### Picture Puzzle Answers

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## Yanks Race Over Brittany; Reds Push On

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dispatches report that the Finns have again approached Russia in regard to peace.

Turkey, seeing how the wind is blowing, broke all diplomatic and economic relations with Germany on Wednesday. Probably the most important factor in this move is that it will stop the supply of important minerals and other material which have been going steadily to the Nazis through the war period.

In Guam the Yanks continue to make steady progress. Ushi airfield has been captured and the troops have battled their way into the former marine barracks on the Grote peninsula.

### Step Toward Philippines

Another step toward the Philippines was made on Saturday in the first large-scale air attack on Halmahera Island, some 300 miles south of Mindanao. Forty-five Jap planes were destroyed and considered other damage done.

In China there has been intensified fighting around besieged Hengyang. Though the Japs have thrown some 250,000 troops into their attempt to take this important point on the Hankow-Canton railroad, and have penetrated the outer sections, the Chinese still hold the city proper. The Jap force attacking Tengchung, further south on the same railroad line, has been encircled.

A raiding force of B-29 Superfortresses on Saturday bombed Anshan, a Jap steel center in Manchuria.

## Valet Service At the Front

CHERBOURG PENINSULA—Here within the sound of the front-line guns you can get a shoe shine or have your suit mended in less time than it takes in New York. Mobile laundries, tailoring and shoe repair shops are part of the equipment in a vast supply depot which supplies 500,000 separate items to fighting men.

Three weeks ago the depot, covering 15 French acres, was only a supply dump where soldiers helped themselves. Today, it is a perfectly organized open-air warehouse where 64 truckloads of clothing are reprocessed daily.

## Air Transport, With Patients, Is Lost In North Atlantic

WASHINGTON — Loss of a C-54 Army transport plane carrying 15 Army and three Navy litter patients from Scotland to Mitchell Field, N. Y. was announced last Saturday by the War Department. Eight other persons were aboard the plane, including the civilian crew of five and an Army flight nurse.

The plane was lost at sea somewhere between Iceland and Newfoundland on July 26. It was last heard from about one a.m. that day and would have exhausted its gas that morning.

More than 150 planes of the Air Transport Command and the Royal Canadian Air Force conducted an extensive search for the plane for several days. Also Navy, Coast Guard and other service craft combed the Atlantic in the area where it was presumed to have gone down.

This is the first casualty of its kind since the beginning of the Army's world-wide air-evacuation program soon after United States entered the war. Since that time more than 250,000 sick and wounded have been evacuated by air. In 1943 more than 173,000 cases were handled by the Medical Air Evacuation Transport Service which reported recently that of this number only .006 per cent died while in flight.

No American soldier has lost his life in the crossing of the English channel on Army transports, despite robot bombardment of embarkation points in the South of England, it was stated this week by Maj. Gen. Homer M. Groninger, commanding general of the New York Port of Embarkation.

Capt. William E. Stahler, Plainfield, N.J., who commanded the ship which took the first American

wounded off the invasion beachhead told of the German robot-bomb attacks. "We had several attacks while our ship lay in a South of England port awaiting orders," he said. "Our gun crew shot one bomb down and others landed very near us though most of them went on inland. One night nineteen of them went close over us in a few hours. But we weren't hit and didn't lose a man."

## Do You Know Any of These?

THE LOCATORS, P. O. Box 537, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., would appreciate any help you can give in locating the following officers' wives:

Mrs. E. E. Alling (Col. MC).  
Mrs. Frank J. Atwood (Jean) (Col. Ord.).  
Mrs. Martin D. Barnollar, Jr. (Esther) (Col. Inf.).  
Mrs. David Barton (Polly) (Col. SC).  
Mrs. Harold MacV. Brown (Maj. Inf.).  
Mrs. A. R. Charrington (Frances) (Maj.).  
Mrs. Robert P. Clay (Mary Martha) (Col. FA).  
Mrs. Charles W. Cowles (Maj. FA).  
Mrs. C. H. Dunning (Jean) (Major).  
Mrs. John A. Elmore (Muriel) (Col.).  
Mrs. Richard E. Gaspard (Elizabeth) (Lt. AC).  
Mrs. George W. Griner (Brig. Gen.).  
Mrs. Joseph B. Hafer (Rose) (Col.).  
Mrs. Raymond D. Millener (Linda) (Col.).  
Mrs. L. Oliver (Orabella) (Col.).  
Mrs. Russell A. Ramsey.  
Mrs. Harold C. Raymond (Athlene) (Col. FA).  
Mrs. Tryon Mason Shepherd (Col.).  
Mrs. Joseph L. Tupper (Tess) (Col. Inf.).  
Mrs. William S. Whitfield (Capt. Inf.).  
Mrs. Roger K. Williams (Jeanne) (Lt. AC).

## Rabbits Puzzling To Axis Partners

WASHINGTON—Both major Axis partners seemed especially preoccupied with rabbits last week.

The Tokyo radio reported that students in 550 Japanese national schools were now busy breeding rabbits to provide military clothing and that the number of school-bred rabbits would be increased by 24 per cent to make more coats and stockings for soldiers "fighting in the cold front lines."

Meanwhile, Reich Marshal Hermann Goering's National Zeitung of

Essen quoted a speaker as declaring at a meeting of professional rabbit breeders that rabbit-breeding in Germany had increased to such an extent that it had become a "danger to the nation's nutrition."

Because of this "dangerous state" of affairs, the National Zeitung said a new decree had been issued setting a ceiling of "two breeding animals" for each German family. The newspaper said professional breeders would be allowed to keep "five breeding animals."

THE World Jewish Congress estimates that as many as 4,000,000 of total populations of 7,000,000 have been done to death by the Nazis.



—Signal Corps Photo  
YANK Ordnance men, in an English town, awaiting the "go" signal for their cross channel trip to France, are being served hot coffee by British civilians.

## War's Intensity Brings New Secret Weapons

WASHINGTON — While Germany is making much capital of its new rocket propelled plane—the ME-163—which it claims can even outdistance Mustangs, and promises robots with greater destructive capacity than those which have wrought havoc in England, not all deadly secret weapons are products of the Nazis.

Naturally, much secrecy prevails in the Allied war councils as to air and ground weapons which either have been or are soon to be put into operation.

However, the Marines, in their taking of Titian Town, were using for the first time a devastating secret weapon. Details of the weapon, whether it is dropped by plane, fired by warship or artillery, were withheld, but Clinton Green, United Press war correspondent, in a front line dispatch from Pearl Harbor for the combined Allied press, said it was "truly fearful" and it was doubtful whether anyone could live within a hundred-foot radius of its target.

### Withhold Information

High-ranking American officers, doubtless so instructed by the War Department and the Supreme Command, are refraining from uttering any word that might "tip-off" some of the secret weapons and deadly explosives which, it is threatened, will be utilized "if they are needed."

Russia is said in high military circles to have developed some extraordinary effective implements of warfare, particularly for air. Marshal Alexander Novikov, chief of the Red Air Force, is anything but favorable to "new gadgets" and has ordered that Stalin's scientists confine themselves to constant and greater study to better the present models of Russia's planes. Novikov also is said on the U. S. Airacobra, which are reported to be reaching Russia in great numbers through Lease-Lend.

### Nazi 'Secret' Weapons

In addition to Germany's 10-robot bomb, which is said to be in process of perfecting, claimed to have range enough to cross the Atlantic and might possibly land in the United States, the Nazis are said to be at work on a new "noiseless" buzz-bomb which, unless it were seen, would not be revealed until it landed.

Home Secretary Morrison, of England, told the House of Commons a few days ago, that they know something of other "secret weapons" the Nazis were developing, which might be serious, but refused to go into detail.

There was the announced discovery of a new compound which would freeze over the English channel and prevent the movement of

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Your affectionate son, Joe."

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# 'Ho-Hum', Say Most St. Louis Fans

## 'All-Series' Doesn't Excite Home Town

WASHINGTON—In every city and village in the United States but one baseball fans are discussing the possibilities of an all-St. Louis World Series. That one city is St. Louis.

Philadelphia fans would be whooping it up. Chicago fans would be windier. New Yorkers would be jamming the turnstiles. Detroit fans would be demanding a bigger park. But in St. Louis they just don't seem to believe it can happen here.

It may be that the Mississippi River fans have grown too accustomed to pennants waving in the National League and just can't believe that the Browns are actually on top. Their only reaction to date is that they are staying away from the park in droves.

**Double-Header**  
So for the first time in history there may be a World Series that the home town fans don't want. If the series was played as a Sunday double-header with a couple of twilight-night affairs tossed in there might be a capacity crowd—though we doubt it. While 49,000 were watching a Detroit game Sunday the Browns drew their top crowd of the season, 12,000.

**A No-Hit Hitter**  
Johnny Orphal, Birmingham right-hander, pitched a no-hit game against the New Orleans Pelicans, while his mates used 20 hits and 16 walks to score a 2-1 win.

Daniels of the Barons got seven free trips to first on as many trips to the plate. In the final inning New Orleans scored on a walk, an error and a wild pitch.

It was a comfortable win for the Barons but didn't get them within waving distance of the Nashville team, which is getting its only challenge from Atlanta.

**Orlones On Top**  
Sparked by superlative pitching and fence-busting hitting, Baltimore appears to be on its way to its first International League pennant in 20 years.

A 12-game winning streak has given them a 6½ game lead. International League fans maintain that the best organized baseball being played in the country this season is being played in their league.

**Off On Right Foot**  
Before Grimm left Milwaukee for Chicago he got the ball club off on the right foot and thus far it hasn't stumbled. Milwaukee took its worst beating of the season when it tangled with an all-star American Association team—but that didn't count in the standings.

The Pacific Coast League is having a great box-office season. The tight pennant chase, which probably won't be settled until the final week of the season, is attracting record crowds.

## Newcastle Show to See Armstrong, Pep, Perry

NEWCASTLE AAB, Del.—Newcastle's second outdoor boxing show on September 7 and 8 will include exhibition bouts by such ring celebrities as Henry Armstrong, former triple title-holder; Willie Pep, current featherweight king, and Aaron Perry, Washington's Negro junior welterweight.

Capt. Wilbur J. Hoskins, physical training officer, who with Cpl. Nat Rubin, is arranging the bouts, are seeking suitable exhibition opponents for the three boxers.

## Chinese Volleyball Students Give Yank Teacher a Lesson

ALONG THE LEDO ROAD—The sports loving men of an Aviation Engineering Battalion found spare time heavy on their hands in Northern Burma.

S/Sgt. Floyd M. Shafer, of Ardmore, Okla., rounded up his buddies, suggested a volley ball court for recreation. The men leveled an area, then cleverly wove a net out of twine.

The Engineers formed teams and practiced frequently. Soon they had attracted spectators from the Chinese soldiers who camped nearby.

Winking slyly, the Americans thought it would be a dandy idea to teach their allies the old game of volley ball. The Chinese listened intently to the rules, learned how to handle the ball and pass it around. Came the day when the first inter-

national match was to be held. The GI's wanted to be kind. They put in their scrubs. The Chinese soldiers played well, but couldn't master the game sufficiently to stave off defeat.

More games ensued. Finally one day the Chinese put up a concentrated attack. The score was going in their favor. The Engineers became uneasy. They beckoned for their best players to stem the tide.

In rushed the first-stringers, but the Chinese boys settled down and batted the ball around as if they had been playing for years. The Engineers squirmed. They fumed. They sweated. But try as they did, the game ended with the Chinese on top.

Games still go on, but the second-stringers don't get to play much any more—against the Chinese.

## Grid Itch Has Ellis in Grip

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Football as a varsity sport, with Camp Ellis being represented in mid-west gridiron circles by a post team, has been authorized by Col. John S. Sullivan, camp commander.

Lt. Ray Adams, athletic officer, will be coach, and the first game already has been booked for November 11 with the Iowa Seahawks.

Although there are no big-name players here, there are believed to be a number of former college and semi-pro players in training who are anxious to try out for the squad.

The team is seeking games with mid-west colleges, and several have been contacted.

## 4000 At Shelby See Brief Mound Duel By Chandler And Moore

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Four thousand fans turned out to watch Spud Chandler, Yankee star, and Whitey Moore, former Cincinnati Red, pitch for but two innings each in the game between Maj. C. L. Pridgen's Prairie Pigeons and Maj. Ernest A. Schleuder's Sad Sacks, with the Pigeons winning 6-4 in seven innings.

Chandler allowed but one single in his two innings on the mound, while Moore gave up three hits.

Fred Pacitto, former Baltimore Oriole, got two singles and a homer in his four trips to the plate for the Pigeons.

## Six New Swim Records Go to California Girl

SAN FRANCISCO—Two world and four American swimming records were shattered Sunday by Ann Curtis, 18-year-old Californian, in the Pacific AAU championships.

At 880 yards in 11:08.6 Miss Curtis topped the 11:16.1 world record Miss Hveger established in Stockholm in 1937. Her time for that stretch disposed of another world mark—the 800 meters—set in Copenhagen in 1936 by Miss Hveger at 11:26.4.

If these international records are accepted, Miss Curtis will be the first United States girl to hold a world swimming record in 15 years.

In establishing new American records, Miss Curtis made the 440-yards in 5:26.5, and 1,000 yards in 12:42.

The San Franciscan's time likewise topped the United States 800-meter time of 11:15.6 and the 11:26.4 record for the 800-yard long course.

## Army-Taught Athlete Starts In Field Meet

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Running in heavy GI shoes, S/Sgt. Ralph Burke raced over a rough, sandy track to a 4 minute 40 second mile victory in the 22nd Replacement Depot's Field Day. Burke, who never ran until he joined the Army six years ago, defeated Sgt. Charles Behm, former University of California distance runner.

Also winning the 200 and 880, Burke shared scoring honors with Pfc. Joe Nawrocki, MP weight star, as the Military Police section won the meet with 74 points. Sgt. Noel Englehorn, who ran second to the immortal Jesse Owens for Northwestern in the 1935 Big Ten meet, coached the winners.

## Bombbirds at Hendricks Have a Branca Twirler

HENDRICKS FIELD, Fla.—Like the Brooklyn Dodgers, the Bombbirds have found a relief ace named Branca. He's 20-year-old Johnny, whose kid brother Ralph, aged 18, is spending his summer vacation on the mound or in the bull pen for Brooklyn. Assigned here recently, Johnny got his first chance in a relief role against the Sanford Navy nine, blanking the Sailors during his seven and one-third innings stay on the rubber. The Bombbirds couldn't hit behind him and they lost 5-1.

TYNDALL FIELD, Fla.—Whether professional or amateur, "showmanship" simply must come out in wrestling. In a bout here between Lt. John Gueder, assistant PT director, and Lt. Walter Nelson, of the Provost Marshal's office, the announcer stated it was "purely an exhibition," but within a few minutes, it was a battle royal. Wrestlers refused to heed warnings by the referee, made several passes at him, and the arbiter pinned both officers to the mat.



OLYMPIC Champion Helen Meany, who held high diving titles, is with the American Red Cross somewhere in India. High boards are no novelty to her, but this time she's armed with a paint brush as she helps a native whitewash a room to be used as a Red Cross Club for the Twentieth Bomber Command.

## SPORTS CHAT

WRIGHT FIELD, O.—There'll be everything from baseball games and field athletics to swimming and diving contests and a Bathing Beauty show for the annual picnic at Forest Park August 9th. All prizes will be in War Stamps. Twenty-five thousand attended last year's party, and this record is expected to be shattered.

MACDILL FIELD, Fla.—When Gunner Jimmy McCorkindale won the Third Air Force middleweight crown by defeating Joey Smithers, ringers declared his left hook to be the body was a deadringer for Billy Conn's punch in his near-win with Joe Louis. There was reason for this similarity in ring tactics. Instead of working out in the gym on the Sunday preceding his match, McCorkindale spent three hours studying the motion pictures of the Conn-Louis fight.

BOCA RATON FIELD, Fla.—When football gets under way here, players will have the benefit of coaching by Pvt. Henry A. (Hank) Rockwell, Section 1, Flight 1, who in 1940, '41 and '42 played center, guard and tackle for the professional Cleveland Rams. Native of California, Rockwell starred in school and college in football, basketball, track and baseball. He recently won the shot put in the field track championships with a heave of 51 feet. Rockwell formerly was stationed at Fort Hayes, O., Keesler Field and Gulfport, Miss.

FORT MACARTHUR, Calif.—Preparing for competition in the swimming events in late August, Fort Macmen are flocking to the pools in a steady stream every day, but they aren't the only ones that are making whoopee in the inviting waters. Reading from left to right, here's a list of "distinguished guests" spotted by pool keepers in one day: An owl—two mice—one gopher—a frog—and scores of birds who drop in for a slug of pool water.

ICELAND—RAF boxers have been going great guns in the All-Allied Nations tournament here, and large-

ly instrumental in this showing is one of London's former leading amateur leather slingers—LAC Robert L. (Bob) Herschell. Coached by a ringwise father, Herschell attracted attention while a schoolboy, fought to the finals in the flyweight division in London's famous West End Club; won the Southeastern crown of England and lost in the Great Britain finals to Benny Caplan, now professional lightweight champ.

CAMP POLK, La.—The game 22-year-old Pvt. Louis Merendino missed most during his 18 months with the Alaska Defense Command was golf. Back in the States as a rifleman in Company A of the 8th Armored Division's 7th Armored Infantry Battalion, he rapidly got into his stride and has been participating in Texas and Louisiana tournaments. Merendino, who picked up the game while acting as caddy in his home town, Beaumont, Texas, says he can knock out 300-yard wood shots with Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan and Jimmy Thompson. Where they beat him is in the work on the greens—the test of real professional golfing.

HONDO FIELD, Tex.—A/C Paul Jones, of Flight 9 of the 847th, placed fifth in the class shoot of the trapshooting meet sponsored by the National Trapshooting Association at Vandalia, O. Jones won his fifth place with 96 out of 100 with a 19-yard handicap. Jones enlisted last March and had brief stays at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Shepherd Field, Tex.



# Longden Boots First Fiddle Home In Butler Despite Broken Foot

WASHINGTON — Jockey Johnny Longden did a bit of plain and fancy bounding this past week-end at Jamaica. He bounced from a horse to the guard-rail to the track on Friday and then bounced home on the winner of the \$50,000 Butler Handicap on Saturday.

Longden had Dine 'n' Dance waiting to an easy win on Friday before the pleasure-named horse decided to do a little jitter-bugging. Johnny missed the step and failed to bounce with the horse off the guard-rail. Instead he cart-wheeled—landing flat on his back with enough force to break the board and then bounced out on the track.

There he was joined by Eddie Araro, whose tail-end running horse stumbled in the mix-up.

**Upon First Fiddle**  
Banged-up Longden scratched his mounts for the day but when the horses entered the barrier for the running of the Butler Johnny was astride First Fiddle.

Running against the best field of the season Longden had First Fiddle running in last place at the half-mile post. Opening up with the top-weighted, 126 pounds, horse Longden moved him into contention at the head of the stretch.

Forgetting the broken foot he had encased in his boot and the tape he had wound around him Longden called on all his racing skill to wear down Alex Barth in a great stretch run to win by a nose. First Fiddle set a new mile and three-sixteenths record, 1:46, for the course.

Wait a Bit ran third with the favored Greentree Stable entry, Four Freedoms and Stir Up, in fourth and fifth. The winner returned \$6.10.

**Upset The Dope**  
Another track record was equalled when War Knight upset the dope by charging home first in the Arlington Handicap at Washington Park.

War Knight hadn't won a start at the Chicago track until Saturday but after throwing back Daily Trouble at the head of the stretch he still had enough left to stand off the challenge of George Drum.

War Knight, 7-to-1 shot, ran the mile and a quarter in 2:02.

Rough-and-Ready Mintlock batted an even 1,000 last week by winning twice in two starts at Rockingham Park. He ran his best race in the Raceland Handicap, beating Dream Parade by three lengths.

**It Wasn't Fun**  
A goodly share of the crowd at Garden State had a chance to visit the cashiers' windows—but it wasn't any fun. The track was just refunding money bet on horses, which were unable to get out of the starting gates when the mechanical de-

vice broke down.

In the Penn Stakes the horses broke from unlocked gates which apparently was all right with Alexis, who beat Bill Corum, the horse, not sportster, by a nose.

Alexis went to the front soon after the break and held the lead despite a gruelling stretch drive by the place horse. Freddie's Pal was third.

Apache romped over a six-furlong sprint course to beat some 20-20 horses with ease although top weighted with 136 pounds.

## He's Champ Fighter, But Army Trains Beau Jack in Three R's

FORT BENNING, Ga.—"You can just about lick anything you train hard enough for. I learned this as a fighter."

It was in these words that Pvt. Sidney Walker, of Augusta, Ga., known to ring fans as Bouncing Beau Jack, sized up his six weeks of Army life in the Special Training Unit of Fort Benning's Reception Center. He had specific reference to his studies in reading, writing and arithmetic and other subjects being taught him in the STU—the world's largest school for elementary education.

The scrappy little fighter could neither read nor write when he entered the Army during the first week in June, but within 12 weeks, or less, the ex-champ of the lightweight division hopes to leave the STU with the equivalent of a fourth grade education. He has already been promoted to the second section, the equivalent to the second grade in a civilian school. He has been promoted rapidly, because "I prepare and train for my lessons like I would for a ring fight," as the Beau himself would answer.

Beau Jack was at the top of his ring career when he was inducted into the service. It is reported that he grossed over a million dollars in 13 fights last year in becoming a top drawing card.

Attached to the 2nd Company, 1st Battalion, of the STU, Beau Jack has gained the respect of his commanding officer and fellow soldiers. "He knows this schooling he's getting will do him lots of good after the war," declared Maj. A. B. Cottrell, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, "and he seems to be very grateful for it."

One of his instructors remarked that "Beau Jack is sincere and takes all of his instructions in dead earnest. There is no wonder he was champ."

## Gen. Fred Walker Had His HQ Ahead Of Combat Troops

WASHINGTON—The headquarters of the 36th Infantry Division in Italy was not as safe as one might expect, reported T/3 Charles J. Wilcox, Jr., 27, of Loveland, Colo., after his return to this country. Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, the commander, wanted his headquarters well up at the front.

At one time, said Wilcox, the division headquarters was actually ahead of the combat troops, although the Infantry soon moved past it. This was at Paestum, near Salerno, shortly after the invasion of Italy.

"I want to say something about the Navy," said Wilcox in a War Department interview. "As soon as the naval guns started giving us support in Italy the whole picture changed. The doughboys' morale lifted at once. Those big Navy guns are accurate. They can shoot 10 miles inland and knock out an enemy command post they're so good."

"Then when the Air Force came over there wasn't much question as to who was the better. They soon ruled the skies and that kept a lot of bombers away from the division headquarters which we had in a big tobacco warehouse that had been a target for enemy planes."

## New GI Shortcut

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Fellow trainees found a new GI shortcut, this one the invention of Pvt. Buck Eng and Jack Leong, who avoid the problems of washing knife, fork and spoon while on bivouac during their training in this Infantry Replacement Training Center by using Chinese chopsticks in eating from their mess-kits.

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## Incredible String Of 43 Strikeouts Is Softball Mark

HAMMER FIELD, Calif.—What is claimed to be a new world record for single-game strikeouts in softball was set by Sgt. Kermit Lynch and Pfc. Al Linde when they fanned 43 batsmen in pitching the softball world champion "Raiders" to a 4-0 victory recently.

The previous record is said to have been 37, established some years ago in Phoenix, Ariz.

Lynch hurled the first ten innings of the 21 inning, four hour and 15 minute affair, totaled 23 strikeouts and gave up only two hits. Linde, in the final 11 innings, pitched hitless ball. Not an opponent reached first base during the 11 frames.

The strikeout record of this game brought to 259 the number of victims of the Lynch-Linde combination in 19 games. The duo has hurled seven no-hit games, allowing an average of less than one hit per game.

## Good Excuse For Window-Washing

NEW LONDON, Conn.—There's at least one good reason for these barracks' window-washing jobs. They seem to make good javelin tossers. Last June 18-year-old Fred Weygant, of Chapman Tech, here, won the state scholastic javelin championship with a toss of 177 feet. Shortly after, to get funds to carry him through Holy Cross College next fall, he took a job washing windows. The other day he went to a public park to practice with his javelin, which he had not touched since June. His toss was 192 feet.

## It's Warning To Lippy and Rickey

PEEKSKILL, N. Y.—It behooves Branch Rickey, general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and his field chief, Lippy Leo Durocher, to get together a ball team superior to "Dem Bums of 44" to represent Brooklyn next season.

They take their baseball very seriously in Flatbush, and the warning to the Rickey-Lippy combination comes in the announcement that the Fifth Brigade of Brooklyn excelled with rifles in State Guard competition at Camp Smith.

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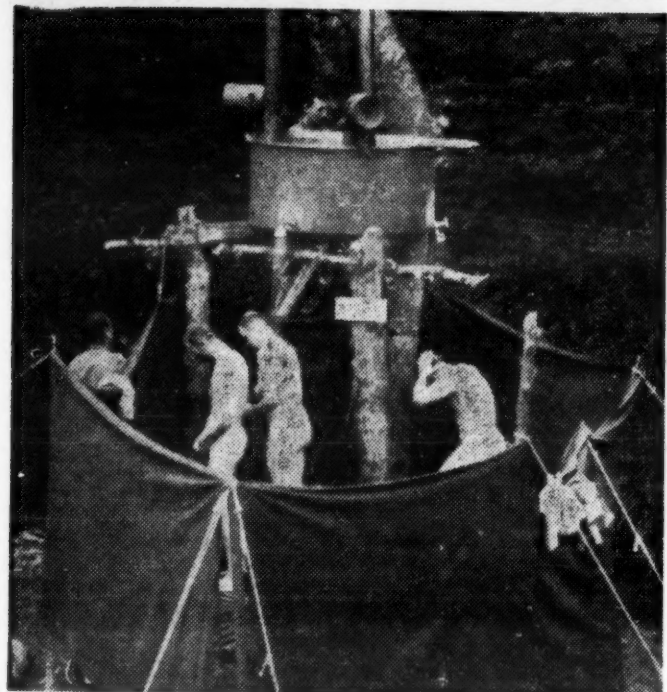
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# It's Saturday Night In France



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REFRESHING showers are most important to Yanks of the French fighting front. Nurses with a U. S. Army hospital await their turn to get under the drips in the special 'Shower Tent.' Infantrymen, who have taken part in the initial assault on St. Lo, wash off the grime of battle under a field shower at a rest camp behind the front lines.

## Eisenhower Commends Negro Units In France

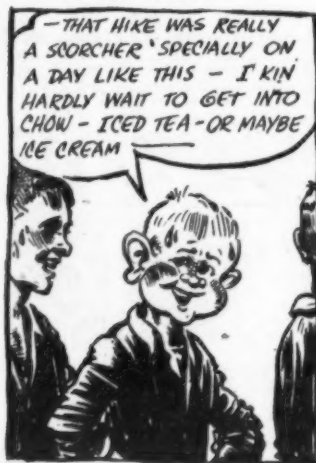
WASHINGTON—Two Negro units in the United States Forces have received special commendation by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for meritorious services in the invasion of France, the War Department announces.

Recipients of the commendation letters were an anti-aircraft balloon battalion and a Quartermaster truck company.

## Byrd Beats Wood

DETROIT—Craig Wood, duration National Open champion, lost to Sam Byrd Sunday in the Plum Hollow Golf Club's 36-hole medal play challenge match for \$2,500 in War Bonds, winner take all. Byrd's 66 was six under par and within a stroke of the club's record for the course. Wood's card was 72.

## Private Van Dorn



## Says Good-Bye to 34th

# Ryder Proud of 'Old Red Bull'

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—"No man ever had a finer command; the patch of Old Red Bull will ever be a symbol of courage, tenacity and military accomplishment. Wear it with pride and let no act mar the reputation won at the cost of the lives and sufferings of your friends and comrades."

These were the parting words of Maj. Gen. Charles W. Ryder, commanding general of the 34th Infantry Division, when he took his departure for the United States for a new assignment, nature of which was not revealed.

General Ryder refused to make a farewell speech, saying: "When it comes time for a man in the Army to leave his outfit, you just up and leave—no sob stuff. It's hard to leave a unit of the best fighting men in the world."

### Joined 34th In Ireland

General Ryder joined the veteran 34th Division in Northern Ireland June 12, 1942, commanded the Eastern Assault Force of which the division in part participated making the initial landing in Algiers, North Africa, November 8, 1942, and moved immediately into Tunisia and fought throughout the entire campaign.

On September 21, 1943, General Ryder led the 34th Division into the Italian campaign, including the battles of Salerno, Cassino, the Anzio beachhead and breakthrough, the advance to Rome and to the north to the heights overlooking Leghorn.

The general remembers Hill 609 in Africa, and Pantano, Cassino and the "busting-out" of the Anzio beachhead as the most difficult battles in his two years and one month's service with the 34th Division overseas.

The Fifth Army general was born in Kansas, January 16, 1892. He

entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., June 14, 1911, and was graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, June 12, 1915.

Recalling his World War I battles, in which he served as a battalion commander, General Ryder particularly remembers the Aisne-Marne defensive, the Soisson offensive, the Argonne offensive, Battle of St. Mihiel and the March on Sedan.

### Gets Eight Awards

The 34th Division commander received eight awards in World War I and has been decorated five times to date in World War II. First World War awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Oak

Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legionnaire Legion D'Honneur, Croix de Guerre with Palm, Purple Heart, Victory Medal with four Clasps and the Star of Abdon Calderon from the government of Ecuador.

General Ryder's Second World War awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Officer de Legion D'Honneur, Honorary Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star.

His four service medals include the Mexican Border, Army of Occupation, European, African, Middle East, and American Defense.

# Popular Infantry Regiments Had Part In Normandy Drive

WASHINGTON—Among units of the First U. S. Army which have distinguished themselves in the Normandy fighting are the 115th Infantry Regiment and the 134th Infantry Regiment, both of which took part in the capture of St. Lo.

The 115th Infantry marched into St. Lo, on July 18, after one of the bloodiest battles of the Normandy campaign. Before St. Lo fell, the 115th had liberated 10 villages. It had fought hard and long since the early hours of the invasion on June 6, suffering many casualties. Towns captured include St. Laurent-sur-Mer, Longueville, Colombieres, Bricqueville, Vouilly, St. Marguerite and La Luzerne. The capture of St. Lo—key center in the middle of the American line—was a fitting climax to the unit's fine record thus far.

The 1st Infantry Regiment of the Maryland National Guard was federalized February 3, 1941, and designated the 115th Infantry Regiment.

After maneuvers, the Regiment was transferred from its permanent station to Camp Blanding, Florida. It left Blanding for a port of embarkation prior to departure for the European Theater. The Regiment arrived in England in October, 1942, and two months later was in winter training quarters. The unit underwent assault training and was com-

mended as one of the most efficient combat teams to complete training.

### Trains at Robinson

The 134th took basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark.; participated in the 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers; moved to the West Coast for coastal defense on December 14, 1941 and on April 1, 1943, to Camp Ruckner, Alabama. The Regiment participated in Tennessee Maneuvers during the 1943-44 winter and mountain maneuvers in West Virginia from February 27, to March 8, 1944, embarking for the United Kingdom and arriving some time in May.

The Regiment, known as the 4th Nebraska Infantry in the World War, was mobilized at Camp Cody, New Mexico, July 15, 1917, and designated the 134th Infantry Regiment. On October 13, 1918, it embarked for France, arriving there October 28.

## War Order by Goebbels

STOCKHOLM—The first "total war" orders for Germany by Minister Joseph Goebbels are two forbidding all vacations for women and directing that front line troops do the manual work of building bridges and repairing roads formerly done by the Todt-Speer labor organization.

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**SHELLED** church at Sainteny, France. Ironically, some of the debris fell on the memorial to the town's World War I dead, the inscription of which reads: "To the Sons of St. Eny, Died for France, 1914-1919."

—Signal Corps Photo

## No Ribbons for Pete!

# Hero Just Guy With Job To Do

A 7TH AAF BASE IN THE MARSHALLS—Heroes don't always wear ribbons. Sometimes they're just guys who are doing a job in the Army and when they write home they can't talk about flying or how it feels to come into close contact with the enemy. Sometimes it's a job with long hours and dust and bugs and boredom to it. But it's a job that has to be done and there are guys out here in the Central Pacific who are doing it.

"Pete" was that kind of guy. His real name wasn't even Pete. On the records, the 7th AAF has him listed as S/Sgt. Hilton J. Horton, 24, of Thomasville, Ga. But the boys in his heavy bombardment squadron called him Pete. They used to say Hilton was no fit first name for a ground crew mechanic and no self-respecting crew member would yell, "Hey, Hilton, didya check that oil leak?" So they called him Pete.

**Pete Grips**  
Pete was like a lot of other soldiers. He gripped. But the grips didn't mean anything because they were only an emotional release. He knew there was a war going on and without reading the ads in magazines he knew what he was fighting for.

When he went into the Army he signed up for glider school. At that time, the glider training program was temporarily stopped and Pete was sent on to ground crew mechanics school. From there overseas and in September, 1943, he joined a 7th AAF Liberator bombardment squadron operating against Jap bases in the Central Pacific.

His plane was the "Tropic Knight." She was a 30-ton, four-engine winged destroyer with atoll busters hanging in the bomb-bay—a present from guys like Pete to the Japs. Pete called it his plane although he never flew in it. But it was almost as though he were flying because every time the "Tropic Knight" went out on a mission there was some part of her that belonged to him—personal. You see, he was a crew chief and all he did was keep the plane flying—flying so well that even when it was shot up it would return safely. And when she came back Pete would paint another bomb on the nose of the plane for a completed mission.

He had painted 36 bombs there when the accident happened. It was early morning on May 14 and all along the air strip the giant Liberators were warming up for another raid. The crew had climbed into the "Tropic Knight" and was waiting to taxi down the strip.

**Awaited 'Tropic Knight'**  
Pete stood watching as he had done so many times before and he

waited to guide the pilot from the revetment to the runway. There it was. The pilot stuck his head out the cockpit window. He gave Pete the go ahead. Hands held high, Pete started guiding the plane onto the runway.

He was listening to the engines of the "Tropic Knight" and they sounded good to his trained ears. He didn't hear the other plane coming up slowly behind him. The other pilot couldn't see him. It happened suddenly and then Pete was dead. When the combat crews came back from Jaluit, they buried Pete on the island alongside other American soldiers who had died doing a job. A

crudely built mess hall was his chapel.

No, heroes don't always wear ribbons. Pete didn't have any silver wings and he didn't have any ribbons except maybe a Good Conduct Medal and the Pacific Asiatic Theater ribbon with a couple of campaign stars. He was just a guy doing a job that had to be done.

But on the flight line where the "Tropic Knight" stood silently in a line of Liberators, 37 bombs were painted on her nose. They were for Truk, for Maloelap, for Kwajalein, for Wotje, for Mille, for Wake, for Tarawa, and for Guam. Those were his medals.

## 'Saipan Sammy' Sells Out To U. S. Army for Meat and Beans

WITH THE 27TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON SAIPAN—"Saipan Sammy," meddlesome monkey who escaped a sniper's fate by his abject and unconditional surrender to an Army infantryman, has been converted to the American way.

"Sammy" was left behind by his former Japanese comrades, the sole defender of a dank and smelly cave on the northern slope of Mt. Tapotchau. There he huddled in monkey misery, awaiting death or worse at the hands of the invading Yanks.

The Down East accents of Pvt. Arthur Jeffery, 22, Dorchester, Mass., who discovered the cave on an anti-sniper patrol, shattered "Sammy's" terrified solitude. He peered from behind the pile of rubble at the bearded, grinning face of Private Jeffery and immediately decided that discretion was the better part of the Japanese code of Bushido and the last stand.

"Sammy" surrendered. With all the dignity a Simian could muster under such humiliating circumstances, he walked toward the in-

vader, paws outstretched to show he was not wired up to some fantastic booby trap conceived by faithless friends.

Every monkey has his price, and Sammy's was a can of meat and beans. This standard GI staple, from which now "Sammy" only eats the meat, sealed his new allegiance. He has shamelessly and happily sold out to the United States Army. Even his personality, underdeveloped in his life with the unemotional and silent Japanese, has expanded by contact with his roughhouse GI pals.

"He used to be pretty well behaved," said Private Jeffery, "but now he raises as much hell as everybody else. A few days ago he was a prisoner; now he thinks he owns the joint."

## Free Outline Of Benefits Offered

WASHINGTON—Do you know all the benefits and privileges to which you are entitled as a service man or as a veteran, and the ones which you can secure for your dependents?

Few service men do. In fact, members of Congress long familiar with service men's and veterans' legislation admit that there are so many different laws on the subject, applying to so many different types of cases, that they have difficulty keeping them all in mind.

A brief excerpt from the Congressional Record outlining all the benefits provided by law for service men, veterans, and their dependents, is available without charge to readers of Army Times.

If you want this outline, address a letter or post card requesting it to the Disabled American Veterans, National Service Department, 543 Munsey Building, Washington 4, D. C.

## Doodlebug Pilot

ORLANDO, Fla.—A driver in the motor pool here has driven his jeep far enough in the past eight months to have reached Calcutta, India, but he has not once left the camp gates. Twelve thousand miles is the distance Pvt. Frank Olivenbaum of Brooklyn, has put on his jeep in making the same round trip from the main gate to the hospital, pulling passengers in a "doodlebug" trailer behind him. That 3½-mile trip every half hour, six days a week, never faster than 15 mph would bore most Army drivers stiff. Put Olivenbaum, however, declares that it's a "nice job," and drives slowly on.

# Yanks Chip In to Replace Bishop's Jap-Bombed Church

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division, which twice beat the Jap at his own type of warfare—jungle fighting—have voluntarily contributed \$2,500 toward restoration of churches in the South Pacific.

When word was passed among the jungle-bitten veterans of the 25th Division that the Most Reverend Thomas Wade, Bishop of the Upper Solomon Islands, was making a visit, there arose a desire to make another contribution to furtherance of one of the Four Freedoms.

The soldiers knew vaguely that Bishop Wade fled into the jungles around Bougainville when the Japs came that way in 1942. They knew,

without being told, what happened to Christian establishments in the path of the Nip. And they knew too that the Bishop wants to be back as soon as possible.

The attitude of the soldiers was expressed by 1st Sgt. Thaddeus L. Tidwell, Grapevine, Tex., to members of his company of the 35th Infantry Regiment. He said:

"Men, I called you out after drill hours for a very special reason. There's a Bishop by the name of Wade who had his church destroyed by Jap bombs. Now he wants to build another church in the same spot but doesn't have the money to do it.

"I guess all preachers, monks and bishops are like soldiers. They don't receive much money—just enough to get by on.

"This Bishop is down but the Nips don't have him licked by a long shot. I suppose you could say he's fighting for the same thing we are. We fight with guns and he fights with words."

The sergeant explained that the bishop could use a little money to restore his church, left his helmet in front of the men and went away.

The helmet was returned to him shortly with \$128 in it from the men in his company.

The 35th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division contributed more than \$1,000, for a church they'll probably never see.

Bishop Wade had spent about 12 years in the Upper Solomon Islands before the Jap invasion of the South Pacific. He is a native of Providence, R. I., where he played baseball about 25 years ago.

## National Insurance Booklet Offered To Servicemen

WASHINGTON—Comprehensive information on the continuance of National Service life insurance for veterans of World War II is given in a helpful little booklet just issued by the Veterans' Administration.

Covering such points as payment of premiums after discharge, conversion to permanent plans of insurance, calculation of the amount of premiums, the publication answers almost every question any soldier or discharged man will want to ask about his National insurance.

The booklet may be had free from the Veterans' Administration, Washington 25, D. C., or from any of the field stations of the Administration.

## Feed 'Em Greens!

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Housewives planning to be hostesses to combat veterans home from the Pacific Islands will do well to heed a menu-hint by Sgt. Frank R. Crawford, just home from the jungle country. His tip:

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But not the things she's got.

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the record number of deep-knee  
bends required in an all-night crap  
game.

A generation ago the girls never  
thought of doing the things they do  
now. That's why they didn't do  
them!

"I had to change my seat at the  
movies several times."  
"Did the man get fresh?"  
"Yeh, finally!"

Little Miss Muffett decided to rough  
it  
In a cabin quite old and medieval;  
A soldier espied her and filled her  
with cider,  
And now she's the forest's prime  
evil.

Waves might be described as  
sailors who serve in slips.

"You had better marry me. El-  
ligible men are scarce, you know!"  
"I suppose I could offer that as an  
explanation."

It's so hot in the South Pacific—  
the boys report the trees are run-  
ning after the dogs.

A gal and an automobile are much  
alike. A good paint job conceals the  
years, but the lines tell the story.

Some owe success in life to luck,  
Some owe it to their mothers,  
I owe it most to good advice  
I didn't take from others.

It's the little things that break  
up marriages:

Little blondes  
Little brunettes  
Little redheads

Lipstick is something that gives  
an added flavor to an age-old  
pastime.

It's always been the same,  
Since living first began,  
The upkeep of a dame  
Is the downfall of a man.

Many a man in love with a  
dimple makes the mistake of  
marrying the whole girl.

The only trouble with the straight  
and narrow—there is no place to  
park.

It hardly seems fair—but a sign  
in front of a justice of the peace  
reads:  
"You furnish the bride—we'll  
do the rest."

A sailor is a man who makes his  
living on water but never touches  
it on shore.

DANISH patriots have completely  
destroyed a plant near Copenhagen  
which was producing parts for the  
German Luftwaffe.

## D.S.C. Awarded Col. R.P. Reeder

WASHINGTON—Col. Russell P. Reeder, commander of an Infantry

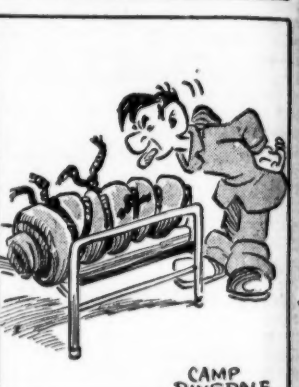
regiment, has been awarded the Dis-  
tinguished Service Cross for out-  
standing leadership during an attack  
on fortified enemy positions in  
France the day after the Allies  
launched the invasion, the War De-  
partment announced.

Disregarding his own safety, Col-  
onel Reeder personally led a group  
of men across an open field blank-  
eted by enemy small arms fire that  
had threatened to halt the advance.  
Inspired by his leadership, the sol-  
diers overran the field and out-

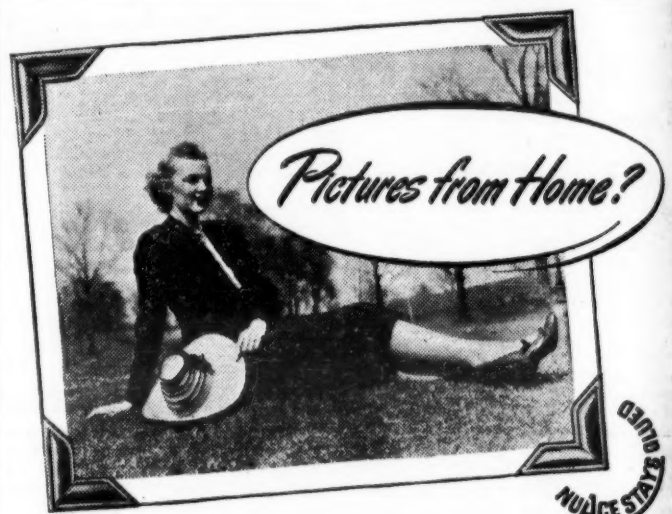
flanked the enemy.

A few days later, on June 14,  
Colonel Reeder was hit in the left  
leg by a flying missile and suffered  
a compound fracture. Since July 10  
he has been at Walter Reed General  
Hospital in Washington, D. C.

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAP



"Just gimme th' aspirin. I already got a purple heart."

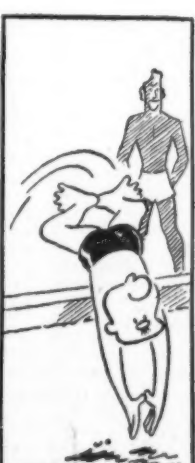


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## Soldier Shows

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."  
—Gen. John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you will find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

### MAKE IT GI

HOMESTEAD FIELD, Fla.—"Hubba Hubba" is the fetching title of a revue done recently at Homestead Field. Equally fetching is the manner in which a standard comic device is given GI trimmings. When Messrs. Olsen and Johnson presented "Hellzapoppin'" on Broadway, they featured a character who sat in one corner of the stage all evening and read a newspaper. His obliviousness to the zany antics and ear-shattering noises (gunshots, fire sirens, police whistles, etc.) that went on about him contributed much to the madcap fun of the show. The GI prototype of this innocent "bystander" pops up in "Tubba Hubba." Throughout the show a soldier sits on stage. He, too, reads a newspaper. Unlike the "Hellzapoppin'" stooge, however, our GI friend takes a considerable interest in the show—and makes known his reactions in the following ways: (1) He uses a flit gun to spray any and all flies or actors who get within range; (2) From time to time he dons his gas mask, thus making silent but nonetheless caustic commentary on the "Limburgerish" quality of the acting; (3) He eats a sandwich, now and then offering a bite to members of the cast or holding up a piece of ham and directing audience attention to the marked similarity between said ham and the actors. The silent sidelines critic provides a goodly share of the humor in Homestead's "Hubba Hubba," and he would undoubtedly prove a guaranteed laugh-getter in any other GI variety show or revue.

### PRODUCTION HINTS

IMPROVED SCENERY—Simple and very utilitarian scenery may be built by using either screens or painted curtains. The construction procedure is as follows:

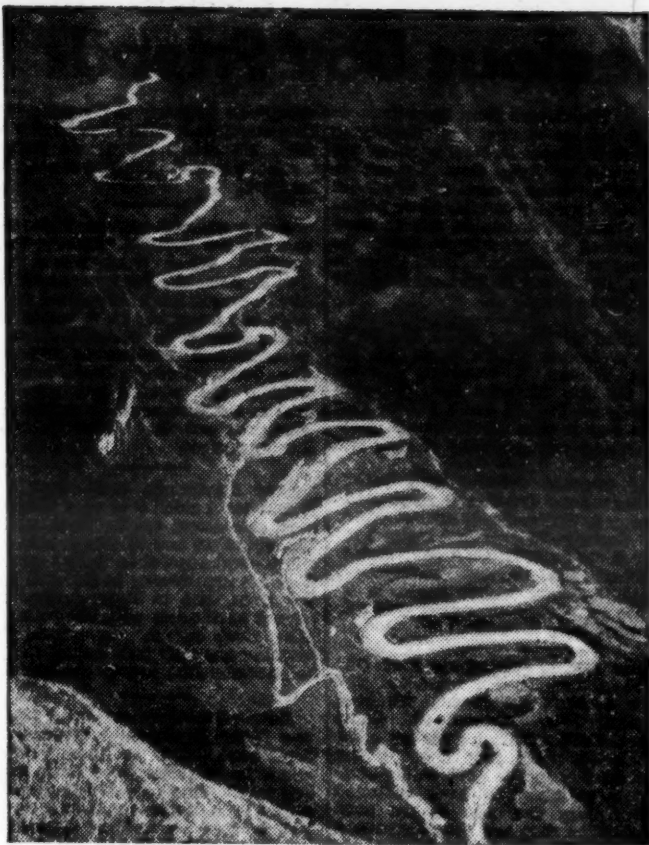
1. Screens—Three-fold screens can be made of ply-wood, compo board, or almost any type of construction board. Each of the panels should be approximately 2½ to 3 feet wide and 4 to 6 feet high. Paint the required scenes on both sides of each screen. The number of screens to be used will, of course, be contingent on the number of scenes in the show. Furthermore, if a wide background is needed, two screens may be joined together. Scene changes are made quickly and easily by turning the screens around. This may be done behind a closed curtain while another scene is being played out in front, or it may be done in full view of the audience. The latter method is often preferable, because audiences always enjoy being "in" on the mechanical workings of a show. They also enjoy the good-natured banter and ribbing that result when they see their buddies pushing scenery around on the stage.

2. Painted Curtains—Sheets, blankets, blackout curtains, canvas, or theatrical muslin can be hung on wire in two pieces. Be sure that rings or large safety pins are attached to the top of the curtain so that it can be drawn off when desired. The required scenes are painted on the front of the curtains. In order to give the background depth and realism, paint the scenes with simple perspective. Space permitting, any number of these curtains may be hung directly behind one another. When the front scene has served its purpose, it is drawn off to each side of the stage, leaving the succeeding scene ready for instant use.

Special Service officers and enlisted personnel engaged in presenting GI entertainment should welcome an extremely helpful Soldier Show publication just published by the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division—"At Ease," Vol. XII: Blackouts and Sketches.

Hot off the press, this handy pocket-sized book contains 147 pages of sure-fire comedy material for GI variety shows, revues, and musical comedies.

The blackouts, 40 in number, are very short and easy to stage—



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SWITCHBANKS numbering 24, are continued in this section of the Burma Road in China, but one of the travel mazes encountered in the China-Burma-India Theater.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Having a waiting line to do KP is real news. But just that was the case at Guadalcanal, according to S/Sgt. John P. White, now at BOCA RATON FIELD, Fla., who was a mess sergeant during the tough fighting on the Pacific Island. The food at his mess was specially good even though it was mainly spam and beans, which, he says, he arranged some 800 different ways to provide variety.

T/Sgt. Dave Buck, AAF base at ORD, N. C., has the good fortune to have his family lodged just outside camp. His baby boy is named "Superman," just like his daddy.

It is quite to be expected that 1st/Sgt. Clara Johnson, FORT DES MOINES, Ia., always had wanted to be in the Army. General Hobson, hero of the Merrimac and the Monitor, of Civil War days, was one of her great-grandfathers, and her father is a retired first sergeant. "You see," she says, "I wanted to carry on the tradition and keep a first sergeant in the family."

Snakes are not much in favor with GIs who have occasion to roam the Missouri countryside, but according to Pvt. William Black, of A-32 CAMP CROWDER, Mo., there isn't as much danger from them as from the jokes played around the barracks. Black ought to know since he was a park naturalist in Pittsburgh, and an instructor in biology at the University of Pittsburgh. He suggests that, if a snake coils to strike you, you should stay stock still, not moving. No snake, except the DT species, he says, will attack without cause.

A highlight in the mind of Pvt. Bill Griffin, barracks chief of Section U, SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex., is the procession he saw in Cairo, Egypt.

their average playing time is not over two minutes, their settings and props are extremely few and simple (in some cases, not even necessary), and their casts of characters are kept to a minimum.

The sketches, 24 in all, are somewhat longer than the blackouts; but they, too, are notable for their simplicity of casting and staging. Featured in this list of sketches are 14 that have been adapted from the best-selling "See Here, Private Hargrove."

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It was headed by 1,000 pure white Arabian horses. "Then came King Farouk and his court of hundreds of beautiful, thinly-clad girls guarded by massive coal-black slaves. Bill saw unrationed gas sold in Iran at three cents a gallon, but says he was glad to get away since the temperature nosed the 130 mark while he was there.

Conscientious is Pvt. Bernard Wolson, 125th Infantry Regiment, CAMP MAXEY, Tex. During the War Bond drive in the camp he was hurrying to meet his wife and failed to salute one of the courtesy patrols. A lawyer from Toledo, O., Wolson confessed his oversight at the orderly room and asked if he could name his own ticket. The CO agreed so Wolson bought a \$1,000 War Bond, his price for a reminder of military courtesy.

The now-frequent story of the officer being a private is repeated at the 37th AA base at LOS ANGELES, Calif. Here Pvt. Hayes, of Battery C, 121st Gun Battalion, is often called "Major," since that is his first name.

Cpl. Grady Kelly often comes out with "I remember this," at ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La. Not much wonder since he is now completing his Fortress combat crew training on the site where he used to hunt squirrels a few years ago when the country now included in the field was a plantation. He says he is getting ready to pot bigger game.

### Medal Given Heroic Soldier

HEADQUARTERS, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT—Sgt. James N. Hartley, of Kenai, Alaska, recently was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroically risking his life in a choppy, icy sea to aid in the rescue of a pilot of a crashed fighter plane.

### Quiz Answers

(See "Army Quiz," page 5)

1. Guam?
2. B. Also the site of Hitler's Beer Hall putsch in 1923.
3. Decreased by 29 per cent.
4. C. Premier Tojo, who held all the jobs but minister of the Navy, and Shimada, who headed that force.
5. Arno, Arezzo, Ancona, Adriatic.
6. Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz heads the United States Strategic Forces in the European theater. Mr. Lovett coupled his name with the force.
7. C.
8. C.
9. The Philippines and Tokyo.
10. True.

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#### Testaments in Millions

DENVER, Colo.—7,388,000 New Testaments have been supplied for servicemen by The Gideons, the organization of business men which places Bibles in hotel rooms, according to A. F. Lewis, international president of the group.

#### Are Doing Big Cleanup Job

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah—Twenty-two Quartermaster Corps laundries in the eight Western states monthly handle 25,000,000 pieces of clothing for servicemen and women on duty in the Ninth Service Command.

## Jealous Boy Friends Shave Yank

(Continued from Page 1)

In defense against the "Society of Goldbrick Papas in New Guinea," 100 members of Brig. Gen. Warren R. Carter's troop carrier command banded together to raise their babies by V-mail. Philadelphia women have organized the "Society to Bring Up Absentee Husbands." Their claim is that hubbies are impractical theorists insofar as babies go.

Asked at Wright Field, O., as to his prediction on the war's end, Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, director of the Air Material Services, cautiously replied: "I won't believe that this war is won until General Marshall and Admiral King tell me so."

A message drifting in a bottle across Lake Constance from Germany to Switzerland brought word of Germans 75 years old obliged to work "12 to 17 hours a day" under Hitler's Nazi regime. The writer said: "Hunger makes me sick. I once saw better days, but now all I wish daily is to die."

The oft-told tale of the man who built a ship in his basement and then couldn't get it out has been duplicated—in reverse—at Camp Haan, Calif. Special Services office obtained a world map 10 by 12 feet and sent it to the post hobby shop for mounting. The men mounted and framed the map in the yard outside the shop and then discovered it was too big to go through any door or window in the camp.

That good Bourbon whiskey is extremely scarce and highly valuable was evidenced when a resident of Lexington, Ky., carried a classified ad in a Washington newspaper which read: "Exchange rent of furnished 7-room house, new; 2 baths; 4 quarts of 'Old Charter,' and gas furnace, in Lexington, Ky., for comparable house in or near Washington."

Henry Ford, in his 81st anniversary message, suggested that women

should be running the world; that they could do a better job of it than men. He didn't say they'd find it much tougher than running a Model T.

Army censors always have an eye out for possible "Eternal Triangles." When Tom Miller, of Des Moines, Ia., former student at the Roosevelt High School and now with the troops in Italy, wrote to Doris Harrod, he ended with the popular and customary: "That's the truth, Ruth." The censor, fearing the soldier had slipped and might thus create a complication, cut out the "Ruth" in the Doris massive.

Sixty servicemen each week are "taken for a ride" free on a Georgetown run street car in Washington. The operator, one of the company's oldest employees, each week deposits \$5 of his own money in the fare box and from time to time greets uniformed passengers with the remark: "This ride's on me." In return, the operator not only gets happy smiles but, occasionally, hearty handshakes.

Believed to have emanated from the War Department, warnings have been posted in Rome telling correspondents they are liable under Public Law to \$1,000 fines and a year's imprisonment should they poll soldiers as to how they are going to vote. Public Relations man said he assumed similar notices had been posted in all theaters of war.

First bid on a picture of Hitler at Gothenburg, Sweden, auction "one oere"—(¼ cents) with proviso that if bidder could be assured pants worn by Der Fuehrer were those he had on when recent bomb went off, bid would be raised. Assurance by the auctioneer that the frame of the picture was well made and well gilded finally brought a sale for picture and frame at one krona (about 25 cents).

Gen. Mark W. Clark's boys in Italy will be interested to know that another Italian theater of war has developed. It's in New York State, where Pasquale Pugliese, of Albany, and James Vaccaro, of New York City, are waging the "Battle of the Barbers." Both claim exclusive right to the title of "Governor Dewey's Barber." Presidential nominee is in the center of the battling and is sure to get trimmed.

## Nurses Decorated for Gallantry Under Fire

WASHINGTON—Twelve officers of the Army Nurse Corps have been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service in Italy, the War Department announces. This brings to 17 the number of American nurses who have been decorated for gallantry under fire.

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